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A world of difference

More than 172,000 Canadian couples will marry this year. Many, including Jennifer Crill and Ross Knodell, are finding original ways to tie the knot. Some choose exotic locales; others incorporate their diverse cultural heritages into the big day. And couples Maclean's profile in 1993 explain how they deal with the seven-year itch



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Market analyst

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Editor

MARK J. CHIPMAN
DEALER OF EXCELLENCE
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The gem and a dirty little war

Weddings are big this season, as many couples try to capture the magic of getting married in the year 2000 (page 36). And while ceremonies are changing with the times, diamonds are still the big story. Indeed, the glittering gem that the song describes as "a girl's best friend" has been at the heart of a dirty little war in West Africa. While women slip diamonds on their fingers, guerrillas have been hacking arms off the people of Sierra Leone in an attempt to control the illicit trade in the gems. Finally, last week the power brokers who control the global trade out of Antwerp, Belgium moved to shut down the smugglers (page 24). The development was a major victory for the United Nations, Britain, the United States and many Canadians who have lobbied to reform the trade.

The targets were the rebels who captured Sierra Leone's vast diamond deposits and, in return for cash to buy guns and ammunition, smuggled gems out to traders who turned a blind eye. Between



Diamonds forever!

1991 and 1999, the war claimed more than 75,000 lives and displaced half of the country's 4.5 million people, according to an authoritative report, *The Heart of the Matter*, by a Canadian team led by Ottawa researcher Ian Stuchtele (www.jointmilitaryaffairs.ca/stuchtele.org). And, it concluded, there was no way that De Beers, the giant that rules the industry, did not know it was trading in smuggled diamonds.

Last week, De Beers became the central player in the adoption of new procedures designed to track diamonds from mine to jewelry store. Antwerp's High

Diamond Council evidently hesitated a warning from Canada's UN Ambassador Robert Fowler, who argued that consumers could turn away from so-called blood diamonds the way they have long turned away from pigs and endangered animals. "Diamonds will not be forever," Fowler said in Antwerp, "unless you are able to demonstrate to governments and, above all, to consumers worldwide, that your prod-

uct is no way contributes to misery and death in Africa."

The new regulations actually will help De Beers, which plans to become the seller of first resort of legit gems. Nicky Oppenheimer, executive chairman of De Beers, recently told London's *Daily Telegraph*: "Our ambition is to match the growth of other luxury goods." The controls also should help the owners of the Ekati mine in the Northwest Territories, which is now an important presence in the diamond industry. Last year, Dea Met Minerals Ltd., which owns 29 per cent of Ekati, sold 2.2 million carats at an average price of \$168.05 (U.S.) per carat, which is at the high end of the price range.

The moral of this story is threefold: being a good global citizen is good for business, businessmen and governments can be positive agents for change, and people have the ultimate power to reform even the oldest institutions.

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Newsroom Notes

Love and marriage

It was a hectic time for Associate Editor Susan McClelland. Not only did she write the main story in this week's cover package on weddings, she also produced the lead story in the Canada and the World section on Canadians who were slave- or forced-labourers under the Nazis and will benefit from a \$7.3-billion compensation fund set



McClelland busy

up by the German parliament.

Reporting the weddings cover, McClelland discovered that the traditional, big white wedding, which for decades captivated young women and bankrupted dads, just isn't the norm anymore. "Anything goes these days," she says. She was struck by a Calgary couple, "who re-

spected each other's beliefs by holding separate, and very different, Sikh and Hindu ceremonies."

Meanwhile, Researcher Amy Carrison set out to track down eight couples who had been profiled as newsworthy by Maclean's back in 1995 to find out whether their marriages had blossomed or withered. Her story, "The seven-year itch," is on page 41. The package was organized by Life Editor James Dawson, edited by Section Editor Barbara Wadsworth and designed by Associate Art Director Gaelle Séguin.

The Mail



'Here's to Harry'

As a child, my fantasy books were *Raid! Duh! James and the Giant Peach*, *Mercutio Rich's*, *Jack-Two-Two* even the *Hooded Pig* and, of course, the *Narnia* books, which I devoured much like the fox of J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* do now ("Harry Potter Inc.," *Covers*, July 17). Harry has his critics, complaining his new book is longer and maybe gaudier, but *Prisoner of Azkaban* and *Prize Pot* were no afternoon reads, and look at the joy to the imagination that these have brought children of all generations. As for complaints that the price of this latest Harry book is too high, I'd rather see that sort of money spent on reading, any day. Better than

wasting it on finger-flicking a brand-new \$60 Nintendo game that leaves nothing to the imagination and expires to one. Here's to Harry Potter for encouraging a whole new generation of readers.

Debra Kostas, Norwalk, B.C.

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Harry Potter mania is also sweeping the non-English-speaking world, at least the German one. Every major newspaper and newsmagazine ran stories on the July 8 unveiling of the latest *Potter* adventure, and the first three books have been occupying the top three spots on the nonfiction best-seller list for ages. Some kids, unable to wait for the Oct. 14 release of the German version, were also queuing up to buy the English version.

Janice Vogel, Hamburg, Germany

Canada Post did not deserve your recognition as an overachiever. My *Harry Potter* book arrived on Monday with a sticker on it saying "Canada Post delivery on Saturday," but those words had been conveniently blacked out. Black magic, maybe.

Angelika Dawson, Abbotsford, B.C.

Paths to faith

When it seems that many parents are becoming less involved in attempting to provide moral instruction to their children, I am heartened by Michael Lighthorse's logical approach ("Finally, your religion, no," *Over to You*, July 17). Morals, however, are not the complex answer to themselves. Living a moral life will not provide children with the pathway to salvation or give them an answer to the many philosophical questions of life. To have well-rounded healthy children, parents need to satisfy their physical, psychological and spiritual needs. With the rich spiritual traditions of Judaism and Christianity available, it seems a shame that he deprives his children of these teachings. It may be too late to leave this for their adulthood discovery.

Larry Pezang, Ottawa

Doctors of courage

I commend *Michael* and Dr. James Fraser for the powerful and moving article on *Mitochondria* sent from Toronto ("A meditation on evil," *World Essay*, July 1). The essay illustrates vividly both the courage of those doctors, as well as the heartbreaking circumstances under which they perform their heroic work. Canadian physicians have always made up a significant number of the *MSF* complement. As Dr. Fraser knows from the experience with his own daughter, Milka, those Canadian doctors embody our country's highest ideals and bring them to life. It is essential that Canadians be aware of these significant contributions by Canadian physicians. I congratulate Dr. Fraser for his sensitive essay and *Michael* for giving the matter such prominence.

Alisa Beck, Minister of Health, Ottawa

Thanks to Michael Lighthorse for his intelligent comments on raising a Christian-Jewish family. My husband and I believe that we can have a moral household without renouncing religion down our children's throats. We are constantly confronted by those who believe that their belief is the only just and moral one. Thanks for giving a credible voice to those of us who believe that whether or not our children choose a religious path, we will still give them the freedom and support to lead an exemplary life.

Gavriel Delyoung, Edmonton

Faith and belief in God do not suddenly arrive one day when one decides, "Oh, I like Christianity, or I like Judaism." Faith comes from practice and exploring one's own spirituality throughout life. There are not two paths. One cannot be taught to have faith, as well as not to have faith. If you are taught to believe—and you find that you are unable to do so—then you have a choice. If you have been taught nothing—then you have no choice. Lighthorse and his wife each were able to make a choice between Judaism, Christianity, or no religion at

all. By not providing a "path" for these children to follow, they do not have that opportunity.

Lisa Myatt, Mississauga, Ont.

Stock-taking

I wish Stockwell Day success as the new leader of the Alliance party ("On to Ottawa," *Canada*, July 17). Canadians need a politician who's not afraid to stand up to the collective forces of secular humanism, urbanism and political correctness that have controlled Canadian political and social landscape for the past 25 years. Canadians and the media need not fear men and women of faith, integrity and strong moral principles who stand for public office.

Doug Dore, Victoria

As it stands right now, the prospect of choosing between Jean Chrétien, who is sadly lacking in vision, Joe Clark, whose unguided leadership is bringing the Progressive Conservatives to extinction, and now Stockwell Day, with

the Canadian Alliance's regressive social policies, is rather disheartening, to say the least. Finance Minister Paul Martin leads the Liberals in the next election, I will vote Liberal, but right now, if our ballot gave us the option of "none of the above," I would choose that.

Michael Atwood, London, Ont.

The defensive letter notwithstanding, most Canadians have good reason to find "Stock" very scary indeed. Any-one interested in women's reproductive rights, for example, should be scared by his demonstrated belief that the public health system should not cover abortion. The financially challenged should be downright terrified by his economic policy proposals, not the least of which is the discredited 17-per-cent flat tax. If that weren't enough, his proposal that public opinion in the form of referenda should be the arbiter of some basic human rights should scare the pants off anyone who recognizes that such rights are constitutionally enshrined precisely to prevent the kinds of injustices that result from

the tyranny of the majority. Anybody who doubts the wisdom of such constitutional protection should consider the plight of Japanese-Canadians who, during the Second World War, had their property expropriated and were forcibly relocated. Arguably, there is little doubt that this shameful and undemocratic measure would have been hastily endorsed had it been submitted to a referendum.

Nel R. Thornhouse, Toronto

In "Stock phrases" you quote Stockwell Day saying: "Homosexuality is a choice." There are two aspects to homosexuality: orientation and action/behaviour. Homosexuality as an orientation is not a choice [any more than it is for heterosexuality], but homosexuality as an action/behaviour is a choice (as it is for heterosexuality) either to act on it or remain celibate.

George Milner, Vancouver

In your editorial about the reaction to the Stockwell Day cover "How scary?" (July 10), you say you do not

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Over and Under Achievers

Granny, get out!

One dog to go (no restraint)?
Pete Anderson: no money honey!
And water, water everywhere, but...

♦ **Hi Canada:** Or is it *Swire Canada*? It's revealed that airline issued grants, but, off flight because the work at near a bathroom.

♦ **Hi Canada (Part 2):** Oh, and their plots may go on write. Theme song: "Listen on a jet plane, don't know when I'll be back again...."



Pete's a funny way of saying thanks

♦ **Pete Anderson:** Our best-known blond expert leaves debt card in bank machine. When told return it, she offers "a chance to take her pet. Not tonight, a brain."

♦ **Wetness:** New 1-800-Canadian beer ad has music by American band the Ramones. Gains the Tragically Hip, Blue Rodeo, Sloan, and so were busy.

♦ **Ontario's environment ministry:** Their list of over 100 places with fouled drinking water only becomes public through media leak. Maybe they'd be more forthcoming if public insisted users should also be water.

♦ **The Taco Bell Dog:**

His campaign a nose after company once refuse an undernourished, wide-later not best ad for product.



Overbites

"I don't know why they asked me to do this I don't clean. You know advertising agencies."

—Comedian actress and recent Order of Canada recipient **Mary Walsh** discusses her decision to appear at a promotion for a Procter & Gamble floor-cleaning product.

"I got this phone call at home. The voice said, 'Hi, Na. This is Tom Hanks. I understand you've written a screenplay... I want to buy it.'"

—Winnipeg-born performer **Na Vardalos** tells how she learned if Hanks' plans to make a movie based on her play *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.

Sex and the Canadian way

The *100* show Sex and the City a quasi-monthly New York. But the tales of casual coupling, shopping and trips to the Hamptons, have also featured a few *Canuck* touches—possibly enough to change the show's name in the more Canadian province. Sex in the Sexes (every), of course, that the tale was already used by Pulitzer Michael Adams in a best-selling book.

♦ On August 18, Canadian pop star **Alison Monahan** will make a guest appearance, sharing a passionate kiss with sex columnist **Carmie**, played by Sarah-Jane Parker.

Cynthia Nixon (left), Drew, Parker and Carroll, passionate



♦ **Susantha**, the ruthless and sexy PR exec, is played by **Kira Carr**, who was born in England but grew up on Vancouver Island. She accompanied **Pierre Trudeau** to the 1981 G8 Awards.

♦ Hot Canadian director **Alison Maduen** (*Jesse's Girl*) stepped behind the lens for one episode last season.

♦ Star **Parker** played Nell Ferrell, the love of Royal Canadian Mounted **Police**man **Dwight** *Die-Right*, in last year's film of the same name.

♦ Actress **Kristin Davis**, who plays Charlotte, the young, romantic, re-united with her estranged father when she was on a prison-bound tour through Canada in 1995.

Shanda Deziel

Over There

A party, but no one came

Back in the 1990s, Germany conceived plans to welcome the new century by staging a spectacular world's fair highlighting technology and the environment. Canada was one of 170 countries to sign on, spending more than \$40 million developing a 7,500-square-meter pavilion—second in size only to the host country's. But so far, only three million people have visited the \$2.7-billion fair in Hannover since it opened on June 1. With the fair closing in October, the goal of 40 million visitors looks unattainable, and pundits have dubbed the event the "millionaire flop."

Canadian officials had hoped 30,000 people a day would trip through their pavilion, but only half that total has come so far. Even so, **Carmen Sylvia**, Canada's deputy commissioner general at the fair, remains upbeat. She notes that Canada's pavilion has been named one of the top five—a designation that apparently ensures European heads of state and VIPs will visit—and is attracting more people than almost any other display. Visitors walk a glass road with over 600 television screens broadcasting images of a river as it



From Canada at the fair is here, but where are the visitors?
meets through the seasons, and is surrounded by more than 2,000 images. Sylvia says she's unsure why the fair isn't getting more traffic. "I guess culturally Germans go off with their families into the country," she says. "I can't explain it."

Tom Foxwell

Diversity, revisited

The *Canadian Post* is known for being, shall we say, progressive in covering the Canadian Alliance. And the Alliance deserves suggestions that it's made up solely of white, middle-aged, mortgage-paying Canadians. So when **Blackwell Day** occurred a bit for the B.C. seat of Okanagan/Chippewa, the *Post* dubiously declared: "If there is a right in Canada more diverse, more culturally and politically dynamic, it's hard to imagine where it might be." Well, how about Vancouver South/Blondy, held by **Finance Minister Herb Gray**? Elections Canada breaks down the ridings, based on the 2006 census.

	Okanagan/Chippewa	Vancouver South/Blondy
Mother tongue, English	85.7%	67.1%
Canadian citizenship	86.3	88.3
Home sweet/hip	73	58.5
Legality retained	55.8	55.6
Senior citizens	18.4	14
Ethnic origins		
Canadian	11.8	3.6
British	26.8	6
German, French or Italian	8.3	4.6
Chinese	6.4	28.7
Aboriginal	3.4	8.6
Other single origin	13.6	28.2
Multiple origins	47.6	25.1

News About Booze

Not another tequila sunrise

A global struggle pushes prices way up

There is no joy in **Jimmy Buffet's** Margaritaville of song, since there is a global struggle over wine. Ontario liquor stores passed signs on their windows announcing the disaster—at the same time as they picked up prices by about \$12 a bottle. The popular **Santa Gold** went from \$21.95 for a 750-ml bottle to \$34.95. Other provinces raised prices earlier that month—in British Columbia, **Santa Gold** is \$37.95; in Saskatchewan, \$36.95; and in New Brunswick it is the same as Ontario.

The culprits were a harsh frost and a nasty fungal virus that attacked Mexico's blue agave plant from which tequila is made. There's no telling what things will seem so normal, since working with the agave is precarious as the best of times, in sales between areas and 12 years to mature.

A spokesman from the Liquor Control Board of Ontario says Canadians can take comfort in the fact that Canada, along with the United States and Mexico, have been deemed priority areas in the marketing of the liquid gold during the drought. "While supplies will be limited," says Chris Layton, "we will at least have some stuff." Those in other parts of the world won't be so fortunate.

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Adam Grachnik

Why I miss my teens

This time last year, I had just returned from a two-month "discovery myself" trip to Europe and was packing my bags for my first year at the University of Ottawa. Fresh from my travels, I could proudly say I was Canadian, that was all that mattered. But a year later—packing the same luggage again for school—this declaration is no longer enough. Now, to be respected by friends, I must make clear that I do die, and that, and assure to die and am going to die also.

Everything in my life has turned into a comedienne. A year ago, it was simple. We would go to a bar in downtown Toronto and pay for parking (after a long argument as to who would drive), wait in line, drink, dance, talk about girls, television or sports, gather up the troupe, get a burger and go home. Our environment was an ideology of pointless commensurate but great, memorable times. We were 19 and lucky to be living in an upper-middle class neighbourhood with no serious concerns—and we were happy.

As some point during my freshman year, things changed. Remaining home from our secret bar this past weekend, I noticed the pattern was shockingly different. We didn't pay for parking, because nobody wanted to drive. We still drank, but not as much, because some of us had to be up early the next day. We didn't dance, because some had serious girlfriends, while others didn't care, or were too tired. We still got burgers, but some were concerned about the fat intake. My downtime might have morphed into something as foreign to me as Polonaise or poverty.

The most noticeable change was our conversation. We didn't gab about high school issues. Instead, we spoke

the night talking about what each of us was doing or aspiring to do. We were around the circle trying to outdo the other—one is working for a big beer company, another is a law firm—and everyone around they were far from part-time work in a coffee shop.

Why is it necessary for 16-year-old kids to compete? Why has the familiar "how're you doing?" evolved into a trigger to pass information as to how successful the other person is? Am we being raised into a world that demands achievements and go-go-go, leaving little time for fun and games?

Perhaps this is the future, and maybe it's better than the hippies of the Sixties or punk of the Seventies. All I know is that I now live in a world where everyone is busy preening that they're the newest don't-care millionaires, or heart-throbs, or something, or on their way to success in big business.

But who really cares about how much you earn, how well you're doing, or where you're from? There's nothing wrong with healthy competition, but remember, we're 20-year-olds. We're supposed to be young and out-of-control. It's not against success and initiative—just not at the expense of my youth.

What happens if you don't have a clear goal? Has a year of university opened our eyes that much to the capitalistic world we live in? Or, let's go out and have a little fun. Who's coming to the bar on Saturday? I'll drive—but just, leave your car keys and cellphones in the house. Besides, I've got a computer and free passes and ... and ... just kidding!

Adam Grachnik is leaving a lot at University of Ottawa. Submissions may be sent to overtoyou@toronto.com or posted in (416) 596-7730. We cannot respond to all queries.

PASSAGES

Guiltily: Gynecologist Dr. Richard Neale, 52, was found guilty of more than 30 charges, including clinical incompetence, professional negligence and extreme rudeness to women by Britain's General Medical Council. Fifteen years ago, the British-born doctor—known to fellow staffers as "Bloody Dr. Neale"—was banned

from practising medicine in Ontario after an Ontario woman died under his care. An investigation then uncovered at least 49 other women who met in Ontario and British Columbia with complaints about his attitude and nonconsensual procedures. He returned to Britain in 1985 and continued to practice even though Canadian authorities informed the British Council of Neale's history.

Ordained: Basketball sensation Vince Carter, 23, must pay \$13.5 million (U.S.) to Paris, North America, Inc. for breach of contract, says a Boston arbitrator. The Toronto Raptors star argued a multimillion-dollar contract with the shoe company prior to entering the NBA in 1999. Carter stopped wearing the Vanshoes after 18 months into the contract, arguing that it hurt his feet. Raptors claimed he was also unhappy with Puma marketing. The arbitrator banned Carter from wearing any of Puma's competitors' shoes for three years.

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Dead: Samia, Ont.—born semiannual engineer Owen Maynard, 75, was a top manager of the Apollo moon landing. Maynard joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942. After the war, he worked for Avco Canada and then NASA. He is responsible for the design of the lunar module that Neil Armstrong and Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin



landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. After retiring, he returned to Canada. He died in Waterloo, Ont., of heart complications.

Filed: Vance Malack, 55, co-host of CBC's *The Fifth Estate*, has filed a labour grievance accusing executive producer David Snider of harassment. Sources say a shouting match between Snider and Malack began in June just prior to the departure of co-host Françoise Rivest—one of several recent departures from the show. Malack, a long-time print journalist, has won numerous awards, including three Michener Awards for public service in reporting.

Died: Frank Miller, the fellow plaided Muldoon car dealer, was Ontario's premier for five months in 1985. His term came to an abrupt end when the New Democrat and Liberal parties combined to throw the Tories out of office, ending 42 years of Conservative rule. Miller, 73, died of heart failure in Brockridge, Ont.

Died: Republican Senator Paul Coverdell of Georgia was a behind-the-scenes leader in the 1992 open-driven open house. A friend of former U.S. president George Bush, Coverdell served as the Senate's chief liaison to the presidential campaign of Bush's son, George W. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Atlanta at 61.

Leaving: CBC is not renewing the contract of John Shorsness, 44, who has been executive producer of *Hockey Night in Canada* for the last five years. Executive director of CBC-TV sports Nancy Lee says the CBC wants to give someone else a shot at running the highly successful program. Shorsness was popular with on-air hosts, but occasionally clashed with news and CBC officials. "The ratings are fine," says Lee. "I'm just never satisfied with standing still."

Died: The "Master of Macguffin," Harry Malabar, confirmed hundreds of stage performers, as well as thousands of partygoers on his 76 years in the costume business. When he turned 100 last November, he served as his party in an Elvis Presley costume. He died in Toronto of heart failure.

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The Peter Cowie heading into Halifax: crews enjoy the sights (right): making an era when Nova Scotia was still a shipbuilding power and sailing vessels ruled the seas



Down to the Sea

By John DeMont in Halifax

As the tall ships arrive in Halifax, the city throws a celebration like no other

Dan Wildeman, a 20-year-old from Victoria, B.C., received a little disorientation on the Halifax waterfront last week. Two months ago, after all, he had been in Bermuda with no purpose other than visiting a cousin. Then, one day in June, the *Royal Armandine*, a galleon, 41-metre-long Georgian ketch, pulled into the harbour after completing the Cadiz, Spain-Bermuda leg of the Tall Ships Race of the Century. "It looked like a museum piece," he remembers thinking at the time. "I mean, what is the practical use of a square-rigger today?" To find out, he signed up as a deckhand. Six weeks later, Wildeman has a sun-darkened face and work-hardened

hands. What's more, the steepie now gushes about the beauty of sails snapping in the wind and the importance of holding onto ancient seafaring traditions. And he intended to be on board when the *Royal Armandine* departed for Amsterdam early this week, bound for the pure finish line and then the ship's home port of Wijk op Zeeland. "I'm a convert," he concludes.

It was hard not to be, as the first ships emerged like square-sailed phantoms from the early morning fog outside Halifax harbour last week. By the time the 79th ship made berth, a lag sun beamed in a cloudless sky and it seemed for one glorious moment like the great days of sail had returned

to the Halifax waterfront. Even for this seafaring city, it was a sight the countless miles of canvas, the hundreds of masts jutting upward, the immense decks—many as long as a football field—lined up along the docks. The arrivals, from some 20 different countries and said to be the largest collection of sailing ships in Halifax harbour since the mid-19th century when Nova Scotia was still a shipbuilding power, dangled the crowds who flocked to the waterfront to see the nation's only Canadian port of call. And the docks and streets of Halifax, already buzzing with summer life, thrived with music, anxious good times and the exotic wafts of rubens from other countries loose in a foreign city.

Most of the celebrities were there for nostalgia as much as glory. "It's like going back in time," said Ernie Oberon, a native from Sackville, N.S., as he disembarked from a tour of the *Kiwano Maru*, a 95-metre-long Japanese brig. To Judy Proud, 40, a housewife and mother of two from Moncton, N.B., the great masted ships symbolize escape from the

rigors of modern life. "Who," she asked, "hasn't from time to time wanted to forget about the kids and the responsibilities and run away to sea?" Sergey Timoshkov, chief officer aboard *Mix*, a 95-metre-long Russian vessel, can appreciate that sentiment. Now 41, he has been sailing for 13 years. Last week, in broken English, he enthusiastically talked about the joys of being under sail on the open ocean. "Spend just a day on a boat like this and you will remember it all your life," he said.

No wonder Ben Lockman, the captain of the *Royal Armandine*, worried so vigorously to be in the company of so many other sailors. In Germany, his homeland, the skills required to handle the towering vessels are almost extinct. "It is a case of taking the last class of those who know and passing them on to the last people who want to know," he said. Last week, though, as a stiff breeze blew off the water, he was happy to be with the others amid the giant masts in Halifax harbour, listening to the sound of hissing water and creaking wood, enjoying a time when sail still ruled. ■

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Hands across the border

Canada and the United States are co-operating to stop the flow of illegal migrants to North American shores

By John Nicol

It is known as *la route de l'espoir*—the highway of hope. Each year, about 5,000 migrants make their way north along Interstate 87 from New York to the refugee claims at St-Bernard-de-Lacolle, on the Quebec border 65 km south of Montreal. Many of them arrive in New York with fraudulent passports, which they often hand back to the human smugglers who brought them to the city. Until this year, Ottawa had difficulty convincing the United States to do something about the illicit gateway. But that may finally be about to change—in what some observers have heralded as a new era of co-operation between Canadian and U.S. immigration authorities.

Washington has long grumbled about illegal immigrants crossing south across the border from Canada. Those complaints reached a crescendo last December when alleged Algerian terrorists were caught entering the United States at Fort Angeles, Wash. and Bozorth Falls, Va. But the United States also acknowledges the border is a two-way problem. And this fall, Montreal has learned, U.S. and Canadian authorities will embark on the Lacolle Project, to investigate human smuggling through the United States and along the *route de l'espoir* into Canada. Investigators will gather intelligence on refugee claimants to verify their identities and the smuggling routes along which they



Real claims of political persecution in Palestine

arrived in North America, with the ultimate goal of stemming the flow.

Under the project, new arrivals like Mounir Abdul Raed will find themselves under much closer scrutiny. On a recent holiday Monday, the 42-year-old Palestinian is in the Immigration Canada building at Lacolle, tearfully thinking about his wife and six children still in his home country. Raed acknowledged getting into the United States with a false passport before undertaking the journey north and filing a refugee claim at Lacolle. But he has no choice, he says, in Palestine he

was persecuted for belonging to the wrong political party.

Critics say Washington and Ottawa are trying to establish "Fortress America"—keeping not only terrorists, war criminals and gangsters off North American shores but also refugees. But one Canadian embassy official in Washington who asked to remain anonymous says Ottawa's immigration policy is to welcome more immigrants who apply through proper channels in their home countries—a planned 50 per cent increase over the next five years—while clamping down on undesirable. The Lacolle Project, he says, exemplifies the "fantastic and unprecedented" co-operation between immigration authorities in the two countries.

In Canada beyond Lacolle, Beddies the ever-growing exchange of intelligence information, Canada and the United States are consulting on visa, and co-operating at foreign embassies to stop people smuggling from overseas. The eventual aim, the diplomat said, may be a more open U.S.-Canada border. But in order to accomplish that, he told Montreal, "you have to have the type of relationship that we're trying to build. You have to have those safeguards to make sure we are protecting each other's back."

It wasn't always like that. With the passage by Congress in 1996 of new measures to combat illegal immigration, it appeared as though Washington had turned its back on Canada. Section 110 of the bill called for more serious monitoring of visitors to and from the United States. But the flow of potential terrorists as suspects and border crossings became a catalyst for high-level diplomacy. One result was amendments to the bill to ease passage be-

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There has been a significant increase in consumer confidence in registered new car dealers across Ontario, following the establishment by the industry of its self-regulation body, the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council, known as OMVIC. In 1997,

Formulated as a response to a poor perception of auto dealers and a lack of government enforcement of existing regulations in the industry, OMVIC represents a significant achievement in the areas of consumer protection and industry accountability for Ontario

car dealers.

Gerd Reisenacker, general manager of Greenbelt Volkswagen, explains that because of OMVIC initiatives such as salesperson training and registration programs, a consumer protection fund, and an improvement in the way dealerships are monitored, Ontario dealers are experiencing a renewed public confidence in their ability to provide superior service to their customers.

"In addition, the finances have stopped up their own dealership training to help improve customer satisfaction through better service. OMVIC has enabled us to raise the bar of

With over 9,000 registered new and used car dealers employing more than 18,000 registered sales personnel in Ontario, industry regulation is no small task. Despite these daunting numbers, OMVIC has been successful in its attempt to identify the industry's problem areas and initiate effective changes.

Carl Compton, executive director of OMVIC, says that this success is due to a real desire among the dealers themselves to raise the bar for improvement.

"In the self-managed industries, the leaders have been far less tolerant of potential problemmakers than was the case with bureaucrats and the court system. These registered dealers have made a major financial and ethical commitment to improving the industry's image and are prepared to deal handsily with those who impede that goal."

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Last year, OMVIC laid over 1,000 charges, half of them against so-called curbsiders who pose as private citizens to sell vehicles which more often than not do not live up to their billing. Curbsiders, if convicted, can be fined up to \$25,000 and can serve up to a year in jail.

"Last year, OMVIC handled about 9,000 calls a month from consumers and dealers," says Compton, who was formerly the director of Marketplace Standards for the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. "We deal with all sorts of inquiries, including requests for general information, questions about registration issues, complaints regarding questionable business practices and curbsiders."

To further protect the consumer, OMVIC administers the

Motor Vehicle Dealers Compensation Fund. The fund, which is financed by a mandatory one-time fee collected from new and used car dealer registrants, provides compensation to individuals who meet certain criteria set out in the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act.

Aiming for Excellence

Another OMVIC initiative is the mandatory certification program. As of November 15, 1999, motor vehicle dealers wishing to enter the profession have been required to pass the certification course before applying for registration. New salespeople will also be required to be enrolled in the course before applying for registration and to pass the course within 60 days of registration. The compulsory college credit course is administered by the Canadian Automotive Institute of Georgian College in Barrie, Ont.

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Monitoring Advertising

OMVIC's attitude towards advertising in the industry is just as tough as its other initiatives. In 1998, OMVIC, working with a number of organizations including TADA, developed a stringent advertising and marketing code—one of the most comprehensive in North America.

"We have made great strides as far as advertising standards go," says Corrigan. "Outrageous claims are no longer the problem and we are now concentrating on the finer points of disclosure. The consumer is in a better position to benefit from advertising produced by the industry today because it provides greater disclosure of the wide range of options in buying or leasing a vehicle."

Cleaning Up the Industry

"There are probably more active outsiders today than there are registered dealers," says Corrigan. Car dealer is an industry term for someone who poses as a private seller but is actually in the business of selling stolen vehicles, wrecks, and odometer-tampered vehicles. "Consumers have to be aware that if they buy privately they have no real protection against unforeseen problems," agrees Reinecker. "OMVIC's compensation fund only applies to those who go through a registered dealer. It is really important to know who you are dealing with." Reinecker continues, "The presence of OMVIC really demonstrates our commitment to maintaining a sense of professionalism in our industry. Our activities towards improved consumer protection and first-rate service are clear examples of the pride we have in our industry, and our commitment to our valued clients."

over the United States and Canada. Another was the November, 1997 Border Vision agreement between Canada and the United States. Its aim was to stop unwanted visitors, but not impede the \$1.4-billion-a-day trade between the two countries.

The Lacolle Project is one of the fruits of that agreement. Canada hopes to place an agent at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York to assist in checking stories of migrants at the Quebec border, while an American agent will be stationed at Lacolle. With access to different data bases, the agents will be able to verify the stories of migrants and identify fraudulent claims immediately.

Canadian immigration intelligence documents, obtained by *Maclean's*, show that Sri Lankans and Pakistanis,

The intelligence services also reveal that refugee claimants from Russia and Kazakhstan continue to pose problems at the Canadian border. The largest growth in refugees to Canada is from Argentina, whose nationals have been exempted from having to possess U.S. visas since July, 1996. Conversely, Americans have been complaining about Canadian visa-exempt status for Mexicans, Costa Ricans and now South Koreans, about 100 Koreans were caught entering Washington state from British Columbia earlier this month.

That might have resulted in a diplomatic row, but under the Border Vision agreement the dispute is being handled by a visa coordination committee. (Canada requires no visa for 52 countries, while the United States gives visa-exempt status to 53 countries.) "We will

decipher how a fraction of the Chinese migrants who are expected of arriving in Canada each year. The United States confirms the same problem, but most of the illegal arrivals to Canada end up in the United States U.S. immigration authorities conservatively estimate that between 5,000 and 5,000 Chinese enter the United States illegally each year, almost all of them from Canada.

Dimitrios Papademetriou, an immigration expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a Washington-based think tank, says the American media onslaught has been to locate suspected smuggling ships outside U.S. territory and coast them to Mexico, which is not bound to consider refugee claims because it did not sign the Geneva convention on refugees. As a result, Papademetriou says, "there is a quick turnaround process"—returning the passengers to China on flights paid by Washington. The same offer, Papademetriou says, has been extended to Canada. Canadian government officials contacted by *Maclean's* would neither confirm nor deny that assertion.

According to Papademetriou, who just completed a two-year study on North American border negotiation, the United States is cooperating with Canada "across a remarkable number of potentially contentious issues." He envisions the Canada-U.S. border gradually disappearing "without any real compromise in any of the important security or revenue collection priorities of each partner." And the Lacolle Project, he adds, is the type of experimentation that is essential to convincing Washington and Ottawa to take further steps.

But not everyone shares his enthusiasm. Some Canadian critics say the cozy collaboration may weaken Canada's refugee system—and create in legitimate claimants being turned away. This concern notwithstanding, Canadian immigration officials are pleased with the U.S. acknowledgment that the border is a two-way street—and that both countries need to cooperate if they hope to stem the flow of unexpected migrants. ■



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*Rehearsing **Crengings**:
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Meanwhile, a new chapter in the saga of the bell is about to unfold in the Ontario village where it was kept: Millbrook's 6th Line Theatre company, which specializes in historical productions, has earned the story into a play called *Crenging* (*The Bell of Beauséjour*) due opens for a four-week run on Aug. 5. The production is being staged in an unusual venue—a riding meadow on arctic director Robert Winslow's 100-acre farm just outside the village. *Crengings*, says Winslow, who co-wrote

the drama with native playwright Greg Daniel, goes beyond the story of the bell to explore the forces that led to the 1885 conflict. The 50-member cast includes Métis and Cree actors from Saskatchewan. "I realized there were real political passions behind the beheading at the Legion," says Winslow. "Someone obviously said, 'They've had our bell for 106 years. We're going to get it back.'"

Those passions, says Winslow, can be traced back to 1885, a pivotal year in their history. Beauséjour, where Riel declared a provisional government, was completely destroyed, never rebuilt,

and is now a national historic park. Defeat on the battlefield led to the execution of the charismatic Riel. In most historical accounts, the Métis leaders have been treated as mutators, their followers as rebels and the conflict itself has become known as the Northwest Rebellion. "We didn't want the history book," says Tony Belcourt, president of the Métis Nation of Ontario, "and we very definitely have a different view of 1885."

The Métis perspective will come across loud and clear in *Crenging*. Cast member Cheryl El-Horreidie-

Return of an icon

A historic church bell may be restored to its Métis roots

By D'Arcy Jewish in Millbrook

By all accounts, the legendary bell of Beauséjour is a tarnished, unadorned silver-plated object that stands just 30 cm high, and weighs 36 kg. Produced in Spain in the early 1800s and blessed by a Canadian Catholic bishop, the bell hung in a church in the Métis settlement of Beauséjour, 75 km north of present-day Saskatoon, where it was used to announce Sunday masses, funerals and weddings. But in the tumultuous spring of 1885, after Louis Riel and the Métis mounted an unsuccessful armed resistance against the Canadian government, the bell disappeared. Victorious soldiers from Millbrook, Ont., a farming village 100 km southeast of Toronto, took it home as a war trophy. For Millbrook residents, the bell has long since lost its luster, but it is still revered by the Métis. "The bell is part of our folklore," says Gerald Martin, president of the Métis National Council. "It almost has spiritual significance."

That said, there was—until lately this week—one small problem with

this historic symbol. The bell hasn't been seen, publicly at any rate, for nine years. It hung for several decades in the Millbrook fire hall before being put on display at the local Legion during the 1980s. Métis organizations occasionally tried to recover the bell, but were rebuffed by descendants of the 1885 veterans. And in October, 1991, about

a week after a local visit by six Métis activists, there was a break-in at the Legion and the bell was stolen. But it is expected to resurface during the week-long annual Métis celebration, beginning on July 26 at the Beauséjour battle site. Shortly after Saskatchewan Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jack Horner last week promised these would be no criminal charges involving the bell, Hillhouse and Martin said an unidentified person claimed he would present the bell during Beauséjour 2000. "If it happens," says Martin, "it will be a joyous occasion."



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Waynshaw, a Métis storyteller from Dundurn, Sask., says her people mounted a legitimate and courageous resistance against a distant government that refused to recognize them or grant them title to their lands. "The Métis took up arms after seeing up a provisional government," she says. "So you can't say they were rebelling. They were defending their land, and resisting another government."

The tale of portraying the motives of the Millbrook men who joined the fight fell to Winslow, whose grandfather Charles Winslow served in the 1885 campaign. The playwright, who worked for more than a decade as an actor and director in Toronto and Edmonton, inherited the family firm in 1950 and promptly founded 6th Line so he could use the property to stage large, historical dramas. His company has mounted 12 works, all original, starting with a play about the Great Plains, a group of tough, Protestant boys from the surrounding township who entrained Catholic settlers in the 1840s. "This was a very strong Protestant Orange area from the beginning," says Winslow. "In 1885, local men were sent to keep Gerald Belcourt and Protestant."

But even in Millbrook, times changed. Joe McGinn, 61, a retired concession officer and past-president of the Legion, says some branch members wanted to hold a vote in the spring of 1991 to return the bell to the Métis. They also formed a committee, after the theft, that worked with Métis organizations to try to recover the icon. News that the bell had turned up, at last, was welcomed in many quarters. Winslow and he hoped his finale for *Crengings*—the return of the bell to Beauséjour—would no longer be fictional. For his part, Martin said the Métis may have a new hero—the person who brings the bell back to Beauséjour. And why not? A 115-year odyssey with a happy ending.

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The Green Acres campsite, which after a deadly winter

Picking up the pieces

As campers returned to Green Acres, the tornado-ravaged area, on Pine Lake in central Alberta, the sight of their destroyed campers, trucks and cars was too much for some to bear. The 300-km-in-horse arena claimed 11 lives and caused millions of dollars in property damage. The cause of the tragedy was not lost on Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, who also toured the site last week and promised federal money for the relief effort. He was escorted by park owners Danny and Lucy Fisher, who explained that the

campground, and broke into tears when she saw her battered motorhome. "I'm just confused and anxious," Genet said as she walked down the hill to her family's ruined campsite. Meanwhile, tornadoes threatened other parts of Canada. Even as people returned to Pine Lake, a 250-km-an-hour storm ripped through Gravelly, Ont., a city of 95,000 people 100 km west of Toronto, causing up to six and shattering off sections of roofs as it roared down. There were no reports of serious injuries.

Calling off the search for a missing boy

The RCMP in northern Manitoba ended the official search for an eight-year-old boy five days after he was missing on July 15 during a hunting trip. Spokesmen said it was unlikely that young Marcus McKay could have survived in the bush further back with nighttime temperatures dropping to near-freezing. During the trip, about 300 km north of Winnipeg, the boy got lost and asked to stay behind with a freshly killed deer while his supervisor went to find other members of their party. When his supervisor returned, Marcus had disappeared.

Questions after a deadly accident

A crash on Highway 401 in eastern Ontario killed five people, injured 30 others, and ignited a debate over unlicensed contractors and companies. The van, which was on route to Montreal, was being driven by an 18-year-old who received his licence only two months ago. Independent van companies offer passengers a considerable

riding over bus lines, charging between \$25 and \$50 for a trip from Toronto to Montreal compared to the \$86 that Greyhound charges. But authorities say safety may be compromised. Spokesmen for the Ontario Highway Transport Board said Elmer Travel, the Quebec-based firm that operated the van involved in the accident, will be shut down. Meanwhile, authorities in both Ontario and Quebec are investigating the company.

Out in the cold

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Métis and non-status Indians can legally be excluded from sharing in the profits of government-owned casinos in Ontario. The case revolved around Casino Rama, 110 km north of Toronto, which distributes millions of dollars to registered native bands.

No Alliance groundswell

According to a new poll by Environics Research Group Ltd., the federal Liberals still hold a strong lead in public opinion with 44 per cent support. The poll showed that, despite the widespread publicity surrounding the Canadian Alliance's recent leadership campaign, the party's support has remained stagnant, rising only three points between April and July to 21 per cent. The Alliance's new leader, Stuart Bell, announced last week that he will seek a parliamentary seat in the B.C. riding of Okanagan-Columbia.

A decrease in crime

Statistics Canada reported that the national crime rate, excluding drug and disturbing the peace offences, fell by five per cent in 1999—the eighth consecutive annual drop. Violent crime was down by 2.4 per cent, while youth crime decreased by 7.2 per cent.

Steps to a tragedy

According to court records released in Kitchener, Ont., Bill Laif, who killed his wife and four children before committing suicide July 6, once said his wife, Bohanna, was part of a suicide cult. He made the claim during a custody battle over his daughter Nicole when the couple separated in 1997. They reconciled in 1998.

A controversial lawsuit

Vancover psychologist Colleen Haney launched a lawsuit against the Sunrise Adoption Agency, alleging that it failed to inform her the child she adopted from China suffered an inflammation of the bone marrow that could result in permanent disability. Haney says she was unaware of the affliction throughout the adoption process, which took more than a year and cost \$11,000.



She's one fun nun

Marjaret Doreen got her fill of Catholic liturgy growing up in Chicago. "We went to mass and said the rosary every day," the 46-year-old sister recalls from a giggle. But her upbringing provided fodder for Late Mike Capecchi, a hilarious one-act show that ends its Montreal run on July 30. She and writing partner Vlado Quade wrote the interactive one-woman show, which features Doreen dressed in a habit as "Betsy" teaching a catechism class to students—the audience. Doreen quips about saints and terms such as "immaculate conception." She rewards correct answers with trinkets such as glow-in-the-dark rosaries and chides people for bad etiquette. Showing up in a short skirt is a definite faux pas. "You have to ask yourself, would Mary, the Mother of God, wear this outfit?" she quips.

The play doesn't lampoon nuns; in fact, at the end of each show, she collects money for financially struggling sisters. Doreen also appeared in Toronto three years ago and finds Catholic audiences smile. She calls Montreal audiences "much freer and livelier than Toronto"—which, she adds, is the "least-but-kind" they'd call and smile.

A daughter's tribute

Melissa Toews has a knack for making things funny—which came in handy when the award-winning humour writer began her third book, *Strong Love: A Life*. It tells the story of Mel Toews, Melissa's father, who battled depression and eventually committed suicide. And while it's hardly a rip-roaring comedy, it's surprisingly full of humour and joy.

Toews, 36, poses often affectionate fun at

People

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Jackson keeps on giving

On any given day, Tom Jackson has several projects on the go. For one, there is Jackson the philanthropist, who routinely raises money for the homeless across Canada. Then, Jackson the musician, who organizes the annual Dreamcatcher concert, which raises awareness of teen suicide. And Jackson the actor, who recently finished shooting *The Longhouse Tale*, a children's action film, which will air on TVOntario and Aboriginal Peoples Television Network in September.

Born on the Ojibwa reserve near Beauséjour, Sask., Jackson moved to Winnipeg with his family at age 15, and immediately chose to live on the street. "When I got into the city," says Jackson, "the bright lights,

as I recall them, were really bright." Even into his 30s, with a budding music career, Jackson lived a dangerously decadent life. Now 51, he's a very strategic and settled family man, who says he doesn't regret these early darker days—"not for a second, not even for a millisecond."

Jackson hopes to pass along the wisdom gained from these darker life experiences through projects like *The Longhouse Tale*, which he hopes will provide a "higher moral ground" for children to embrace. One adage he plans on sharing is that the gift is in the giving. And who better than Jackson—a man who, by his own estimate, spent over half of his waking hours in bawdy situations—to teach that lesson?



her father's Minnesota upbringing in Seabeck, Minn. But she also condones the small community where Mel eventually became a teacher and raised a family. "He was just sort of helpful," says Toews, "in the face of all that silence, denial and religious oppression."

Toews, who has two children and lives in Winnipeg, greeted many Seabeck residents at the launch. "They said, 'Reading your book was just like sitting with Mel,'" recalls Toews. "And to me that's the biggest thing, that I was kind of able to bring him back."

'I Lost Everything'

It was a historic moment for the hundreds of thousands of people forced to work for the Third Reich during the Second World War. Last week, Jewish groups and other governments accepted a German plan to create a \$7.3-billion compensation fund. Concentration camp survivors who worked as slave labourers will receive a one-time payment of \$10,950. The remainder, known as forced labourers, will receive \$3,650. The agreement could affect as many as a million people, including 30,000 Canadians. In interviews with *Maclean's* Associate Editor Susan McCallum, four survivors tell their stories, and explain why they believe Germany should pay compensation.



Like so many people, Roman Ziegler, 72, witnessed terrible crimes committed by German forces during the Second World War. While he says he can forgive them for the torture and mental anguish he suffered, he vows never to "forgive them for abjecting my faith in God." Ziegler somehow survived the six years of slave labour, 2½ of them in German concentration camps, that he was subjected to. And with his wife, Miriam, 65, also a Jewish concentration camp survivor whom he met in Canada following the war, he managed to build a comfortable life as a building contractor in Toronto—as someone neither could have imagined during those terror-filled years.

Roman, who was born in Dobruza, Poland, is a soft-spoken but imprisoned man. He spent the war in four different concentration and slave-labour camps, including Sport Schütz in Domszowka, Poland. Miriam, who is from Radom,

Poland, was imprisoned at Auschwitz when she was only 16; she still has a photograph, taken by Russian troops when they liberated the camp on Jan. 27, 1945, of her peering from behind barbed wire. "I lost my family because of the war," said Miriam in the sun-filled kitchen of her sprawling North Toronto home. "I lost everything."

Life in Canada has helped fill the void: Miriam and Roman have three children and four grandchildren. But no amount of compensation, says Roman, can replace the family and friends they lost at the hands of the Germans. By accepting a payout, however, they believe they are forcing Germany, and the corporations that used hundreds of thousands of slave labourers, to unequivocally admit their guilt.

Although Miriam was a child, she was forced to work long and physically grueling hours as if she were an adult, doing bricks and loading iron. One of her more horrifying

Miriam Ziegler (center) as a child in Auschwitz; and with her husband, Roman, at their Toronto home. Helen and Joseph Kolomojchuk (opposite). For many, no amount of compensation will ever be enough for the suffering they were forced to endure.



The German government prepares to compensate the Third Reich's slave labourers

memories of the day she witnessed a guard shooting and killing her infant cousin in the baby sleep in Miriam's mother's arms. Roman, meanwhile, helped in highways and built roads for the German government, as well as the slave-labour camp, the Sport Schütz, where he later lived. He also bore witness to atrocities, digging graves for fellow Jews in an area of almost casual brutality. At the first camp he was sent to, the Nazis commanded would-line workers up each Sunday. If they fell from their clothing when he topped them with his whip, he would beat them. "On another occasion," he has one over his head so hard it cracked my skull," he says. Roman Ziegler still bears the scar.

Adela Uchanski had just attended the evening service at the Roman Catholic Church in Zarnovica, a tiny Polish farming town, when German police grabbed her off the street on that horrible night in 1941. They dragged the frightened teenager into the basement of a house that once housed a Polish dignitary, where she was imprisoned for two days with other girls. They were then packed onto a train along with hundreds of other prisoners and sent to eastern Germany, where she would spend the next four years working 12-hour days in a military clothing factory.

Uchanski, now 76, had studied German in school, and was quickly promoted from sewing to creating neckties. "It was such long hours," recalls Uchanski, who immigrated to Canada from Germany in 1950 with her husband, Stanislaw, who, as a pastor of war, had been forced to work on the farm of an SS officer. The couple landed in London, Ont., where Uchanski worked in a hat factory and her husband on the railways, and they raised two children.

Along with longers, fear was constant during the war. Labourers who worked beside Uchanski often disappeared and Uchanski decided that she would face the same fate. She also worked in the same factories with many older Germans, who were forced to work because the young were serving in the army. "They wanted to have sex with you," Uchanski says, "and when the girls didn't, they would be raped."



Because of the time she spent working for the German war, Uchanski receives a German pension that averages out to about \$70 a month. The new compensation package will not change what she endured. "It's not much for what we worked," she says. "Probably we could get more, but we have no choice. We must take what we are given."

Joseph Kolomojchuk was a slight, dark-haired 17-year-old in 1943 when the Germans came to the technical school he attended in the Ukrainian town of Borzhai. At gunpoint, they marched the male students to a train and forced them into a boxcar. "Some tried to escape," recalls Kolomojchuk, 74, a retired Calgary janitor who lives with his wife, Helen, in the three-bedroom bungalow where they raised four children. "Some were successful. Others were shot making the attempt." Kolomojchuk was taken to Germany and put to work on a farm, where he stayed for two years.

Helen Kolomojchuk was 15 when the Germans forced her into leaving her village, Ulman, in Ukraine in 1942. They promised her that if she worked for three months on a German farm as a housekeeper, they would not take her older brother, Hythor, who was married and starting a family. Helen agreed and was shipped to a farm near the town of Ulm in southern Germany. The work was hard—she took care of cattle, harvested the fields and cooked. And the Germans emerged on their planes,

forcing her to remain on the farm until the end of the war. She never again saw her parents, who died during the war. Hythor, whom she thought she was saving, was forced into the German army in 1945 and disappeared without a trace. She is currently receiving a state pension from the German government of about \$29 a month. "Those who were in concentration camps, who worked in harsh conditions for the Germans, these people need to be compensated," she says. But no amount of money will ever be enough.

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Diamonds and blood



A secretive and powerful industry finally takes steps to halt the trade in illegal gems

By Barry Caine in Antwerp

In the jargon of the diamond trade, they are known as "conflict" or sometimes "blood" gems. No one knows exactly how many of the 860 million diamonds cut and polished every year may fall into the category—perhaps four per cent of total world production, perhaps as much as 10 per cent. But there are plenty of people, like Canada's Ian Smillie, who are acutely aware that the diamonds that are being mined and sold illegally are fuelling vicious civil wars in African trouble spots from Sierra Leone to Angola. For the past year, Smillie has been in the forefront of a global effort to stamp out the illicit traffic. And last week in Antwerp, the

old Flemish city in northern Belgium that has been the world's diamond capital for the past 500 years, Smillie had reason to celebrate. "We've earned the corner," he said, with satisfaction. "What we have witnessed here may be the beginning of the end of something that has brought misery to so many for so long."

Smillie's optimistic remarks were prompted by the outcome of the latest World Diamond Congress, two-day gathering of the notoriously secretive industry's major traders, miners and politicians. For four days last week, more 550 delegates from around the planet assembled in Antwerp to engage in often acrimonious debate over how to confront menacing international pressure

Diamond prospectors at work in Sierra Leone: fuelling conflict in Africa

to tackle the volatile issue of conflict diamonds. "It was a real hot fight," remarked Smillie, who coordinated the discussions on behalf of Partnership Africa Canada, a coalition of a hundred non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which earlier this year published a hard-hitting investigation of the illegal trade. "But at the end of the day," he added, "agreement was reached on a program that will mean major changes in an old industry that has not really experienced much change at all for the last 100 years."

The nine-point plan envisages a global certification system for parcels of uncut and unpolished diamonds that, once in place by the end of the year, will track the precious stones from the moment they leave the mines to the time they arrive at international trading cen-

ters. Every package of rough gems will have to be shipped in sealed bags, with the contents of each entered into an international database. To give the procedure teeth, a new body, previously insisted the International Diamond Council, will be established to ensure that no diamonds from illegitimate sources are traded. Composed of representatives of producers, manufacturers, traders, governments and international organizations, the proposed policing authority will have the power to automatically suspend traders who knowingly violate the system from industry organizations.

Over the longer term, critics in illicit gems may also face criminal charges if governments in producing and importing countries act on the proposals recommended by the Diamond Congress last week. The industry warns that governments to exact legislation encompassing the measures set out in the nine-point program, including criminal penalties for any violations. Government co-operation, in fact, is critical to the success of the industry's plan. To that end, industry and government representatives met last Thursday in London to evaluate the results of the Antwerp gathering, in itself the continuation of a consultative process that began last April in South Africa and will culminate at the end of the year with a ministerial-level conference, also scheduled for South Africa.

For a business that is still largely conducted behind closed doors, often on the basis of nothing more than a nod and handshake between longtime confidantes, the pace of change has been nothing short of remarkable. "I've never seen an industry change quite so fast," noted Smillie, formerly executive director of the Canadian University Service Overseas and now a private international aid coordinator based in Ottawa. Until quite recently, many in the diamond trade refused to even acknowledge that blood gems were a problem.

But pressure has been brought to bear on the industry, much of it coming from Canada, which did not even have a rough diamond trade until 1988, when the three million-carat-per-year Ekati



'We watched our fur industry destroyed by a small number of activists. Many do not like this parallel but it is germane.'

Robert Fowler, Canadian ambassador to the United Nations, on July 12 at the World Diamond Congress in Antwerp

mine opened 300 km northwest of Yellowknife. Two more promising mines, also in the Northwest Territories, are under development, raising the prospect that Canada will be producing 10 per cent of the world's diamonds by 2010.

It is one reason why there was a significant Canadian presence in Antwerp last week. Robert Fowler, the Canadian ambassador to the United Nations, addressed the gathering, as did the Northwest Territories' resources minister, Joseph Handley. Both warned the assembled delegates that failure to grapple publicly with the issue of conflict diamonds risked involving a consumer backlash, one that could threaten not only the \$9-billion-a-year trade in rough diamonds but, even more chilling, the \$30-billion business in the sparkling finished product. "In Canada in the 1970s," warned Fowler, "we watched our fur industry, the business upon which our country was founded, destroyed by a small number of very small and very effective animal-rights

activists. A vibrant, 400-year-old industry was all but annihilated by an extremely deft minority of obsessive-consciousness. Many do not like this parallel but it is, I will continue to argue, germane to your discussions here."

Canada, of course, was not alone in applying pressure. Fowler was speaking for the United Nations in his capacity as chairman of the Security Council committee on Angola sanctions, which is currently engaged in a program to cut the diamond funding of Josia Savimbi's UNITA rebels in that country. Smillie represented the Canadian contingent of a worldwide NGO coalition mobilized to clamp down on the illicit diamond trade that is fuelling ongoing armed rebellion in an African mine.

No matter what the source, the collective pressure clearly had an impact on De Beers, the South African-headquartered mining conglomerate, which controls 70 per cent of global trade in uncut diamonds. De Beers also purchases 35 per cent of the rough stones mined at Canada's Ekati operation. It is also engaged in a hostile takeover of Windspire Diamond Inc., of Vancouver, which hopes to open a diamond mine north of Ekati. And to assure consumers that their diamonds were mined legally, De Beers will offer written guarantees to that fact.

Some diamond manufacturers are already engaged in even more effective gestures. Janet Ben-Oliel, whose family has been in the trade in Toronto and Vancouver for 25 years, purchased a \$200,000 bear last year when he opened a business in Yellowknife to cut the polish from, many from the new Ekati mine. Every diamond that Ben-Oliel ships from his facility is now branded with the tiny symbol of a polar bear, so small that it can only be seen with a magnifying glass. "We wanted to put it on Canadian diamonds," he said, "so people will know that they are pure." According to Ben-Oliel, the system has "gone down well" with both jewelers and consumers—order of the hour: wear any connection with conflict diamonds, whose glow is mixed with the blood of thousands. ■

A catnap in Parliament

Yusef Zarakath Arifiah tries to wake her father, Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid, who fell asleep during a parliamentary session in Jakarta. Wahid had been summoned to face an angry government over his controversial decision to sack two cabinet ministers following allegations of corruption. In addition to the scandals, opponents have criticized Wahid's inability to control violent clashes between Christians and Muslims in the Moluccan Islands, where thousands have died.



Inching towards Middle East peace

After nine days of talks, the Middle East peace negotiations at Camp David seemed close to collapse. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had returned to their camps after the U.S. presidential retreat in Maryland, and Barak, who accused the Palestinian leader of negotiating in bad faith, was planning to head home. But last week, when Barak proposed a new compromise on the thorny questions surrounding the status of Jerusalem, the two leaders decided to keep talking—even though their host, President Bill Clinton, had to fly to Okinawa, Japan, for a meeting of the G-8 countries. Clinton delayed his departure by a day, then handed over the reins to U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. "We discovered," said Clinton, "that nobody wanted to give up."

Whether a final deal could be reached was far from certain at week's end. Israel claims all of Jerusalem is its capital, but the Palestinians were con-

trol over East Jerusalem, which was lost to Israel in the 1967 Middle East war. Late last week, the two sides were considering a U.S. proposal to recognize Palestinian administrative control over Arab areas of Jerusalem. Clinton, meanwhile, asked his G-8 partners to help pay for a final peace deal, under which Israel would receive \$15 billion to bolster its military and the Palestinians \$50 billion to finance the creation of a Palestinian state.

As the Camp David talks continued, more than a thousand Palestinians demonstrated in the Gass Strip and the West Bank, urging Arafat to hold out for the return of millions of Palestinian refugees and for a Palestinian capital in Jerusalem. Meanwhile, right-wing Israeli politicians warned that any compromise on Jerusalem could lead to violent protests. "No Jew has the right," said Likud Party Leader Ariel Sharon, "to make concessions on Jerusalem." That intransigence may yet kill all hope for a lasting peace.

Parading for the Queen Mum
To celebrate her forthcoming 100th birthday, the Queen Mother viewed an eclectic parade through central London. The event, meant to chronicle the achievements of the past century, featured everything from dancers dressed as hippies and Beatles impersonators to military bands. "It's been a joy to be here," she said after watching the 90-minute parade with her grandson, Prince Charles. "I would like to say a heartfelt thank you." The Queen Mother's actual birthday is on Aug. 4.

Autonomy for Corsica?

The Mediterranean island of Corsica, controlled by France and mired by separate violence for 20 years, is closer to gaining autonomy after politicians accepted French proposals to alter the constitution and eventually allow the island's assembly to change laws passed in Paris. Anti-French graffiti have marred dozens of buildings in Corsica, but they declared a ceasefire in December when negotiations aimed at ending the violence began.

Labour's red faces

British Prime Minister Tony Blair ordered an investigation into a leaked memo in which a senior adviser said the Labour government's image is severely tarnished. "The New Labour brand has been compromised," said the memo, written by Philip Gould, Blair's personal-opinion pollster, and distributed to newspapers. It was the second damaging memo to be leaked in a week, and coincided with polls showing Blair's popularity as plummeting.

Confrontation in Harare

A crowd of angry demonstrators greeted Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe as he arrived at his country's parliament to open a new session. In the June 24 to 25 elections, Mugabe's ZANU-PF party won a reduced majority with fully 57 of the 100 seats in parliament, going to the opposition Movement for Democratic Change. Mugabe vowed to continue his controversial program of nationalizing firms owned by white Zimbabweans.



Diane Francis

A better idea for schools

A simple, compassionate idea from my 85-year-old friend, multimillionaire investor Brian Appel, is a model for how elementary schools can do a better job for underprivileged kids. As a response to an effectiveness, the Ontario government is adopting the concept of the Brian Appel School-Based Project in four more schools.

Appel's idea began after he was approached by a major university to make a donation. That got him thinking about his Montreal childhood and education, generally. "My reflections led me to believe that it was the primary schools, particularly in their first years, which needed financial assistance much more urgently than did graduate institutions," he said in a speech last month to a fund-raising dinner for the Hacks-DeLoraine Institute for Child and Adolescent Treatment in Toronto, which he and his wife Bluma, one of the country's leading arts philanthropists, have supported for many years. "My parents were immigrants and knew financial difficulties. I was a pupil in an inner-city school. That experience left an indelible impression. Half the pay I went to school with went on to become successful and many of the others ended up in jail."

Appel was one of the lucky ones.

He grew up in a tough neighborhood, but was scholarly. He became a chartered accountant and then a fabulously successful venture capitalist. His first such investment came after the Second World War involving his best friend, David McGill University. After graduating, Appel went into the business world. Meanwhile, McGill, a physician, was recruited by the Manhattan Project to work on the atomic bomb. After the war, he decided to stay in the States to try to commercialize some inventions. Appel gave him his life savings, about \$35,000, as a goodbye and the result was McGill Corporation, now a multinational operation recognized as the world leader in fiberoptic technology. (His blood products are used universally in Canada; 100 per cent of blood collected is processed through McGill filters.) This investment made both men extremely wealthy.

But Appel never forgot his humble beginnings and how the socialization process of school was so important to the social learning. As he put it in his speech: "The first social unit to which all children are exposed is the public school. Their reaction to this experience affects their future relationship to all other social institutions. Yet nothing is done to develop good, as well as, educated citizens. The achievement of both these goals is, I feel, an essential need."

Brian Appel realized from his childhood experiences that poverty was debilitating, that underachievement led to lan-

guish, withdrawn children. Poor kids would become angry, resentful and hostile. Schools didn't make studying interesting or fun. Children with working parents often returned home to cramped apartments and turned to the street for companionship and guidance. As a result, far too many kids viewed learning as an unpleasant experience and felt society did not care about them. "To help deal with these problems, I arranged a program that would encourage all children to have their breakfast, lunch and in-between snacks in school," he explained in the speech. "Misguidedly, we thought their morale and ability to learn would improve. Living together in this manner would build a team spirit. They would need to become creative social units rather than isolated individuals."

Finding a school was not easy. He looked at poor areas, but excluded those with a high immigrant population. "Immigrants will find their children first before themselves and encourage them to get an education to get ahead," he once told me. Also, extended families are more common among new arrivals so that children are not left to their own devices. Instead, he wanted a school in an area where poverty had been multi-generational. He sought a few locations, but usually found resistance by educators eager to protect their turf.

He designed a five-year program that he would finance in the hopes that it would serve as a pilot and be adopted by government. Hacks-DeLoraine agreed to mortgage the \$170,000 a year program and selected a school in North Bay Month would be prepared and served by relatives, friends or other volunteers. This, he reasoned, would help create a community among the volunteers. Specialized teachers would provide coaching after school programs. "Students artistically advised could participate in sports, those musically inclined could learn and play, those with dramatic ambitions could act and act out their parts," Appel said in his speech.

For each of the past two years, some 250 kids from junior kindergarten to Grade 1 have benefited from Appel's program of enrichment and enrichment. Based on its success, the province has introduced a similar program in four other Ontario schools, with some close split between the private and public sectors. Other schools should adopt it, too. Appel's approach is simple and he maintains it is cost effective. It's also very innovative and has reaped huge benefits for the youngsters and volunteers involved.

Appel, a modest person with a big heart, is quietly pleased with the results. In quantifying its possible future benefits, he lingers into the language of accounting. "It costs \$50,000 a year to keep someone in jail," he says. "It costs \$500,000 to bring home a child." But, Appel adds, it's just as important "to bring home... to our school system."

Breach of Trust

The Royal Bank's pension arm is hit with some of the toughest penalties ever imposed on dealers—but critics say it's not enough

By D'Arcy Jenish

Peter Larkin, the man at the centre of one of Bay Street's biggest ever stock manipulation scandals, walked brazenly last week from a disciplinary hearing at the Ontario Securities Commission—head down, shoulders stooped, and not a word to say for himself. Right behind him were eight colleagues from Toronto-based RT Capital Management Inc., including chairman Michael Edwards. They were equally right-lipped. Small wonder. The OSC had just levied a \$3-million fine on RT Capital, the pension management arm of the Royal Bank, Canada's largest financial institution. In addition, there were individual penalties, ranging from Edwards' one-month suspension from any involvement in financial markets, to Larkin's lifetime ban on trading securities for others, and a string of rebukes from the

three-member panel that presided over the hearing. "Such actions will not be taken lightly," OSC vice-chairman Jack Geller said of the trading techniques that led to artificially high values for some of RT's pension funds. "Investors have the right to be dealt with fairly."

Immediately after the hearing, Royal Bank vice-chairman Ray Mackay announced that six employees implicated in the scandal were stepping and no other was remaining. Edwards was removed as RT Capital chairman but remains a director, while one executive had already retired. Also caught up in the affair were 13 outside brokers, 12 of whom acknowledged their roles and accepted trading suspensions of up to 2½ months, as well as fines totalling \$390,000. The bank, meanwhile, moved quickly to restore credibility by appointing former Tory finance minister and RBC Dominion Securities vice-chairman Michael Wilson as chairman and chief executive.



RT Capital's Toronto offices have become

active of the beleaguered subsidiary, which manages \$37 billion worth of pension funds on behalf of major corporations such as Air Canada, Noranda Inc. and IBM Canada Ltd. "He has an impeccable reputation for integrity," and bank spokesman David Macneil said. "We would a guy like that so people know what's riding this scenario."

But several observers questioned whether the bank, or the OSC, had acted decisively enough. Montreal-based investment adviser Stephen Janowick and former stock trading scandals will occur unless the corporate culture of companies like RT Capital change. "Too many firms, he says, offer employees lucrative bonus plans and apply intense pressure to meet performance standards, practices which encourage staff to bend the rules or cheat outright. "They're going to catch most of those people," Janowick says. "If you can collect a \$100,000 bonus for beating a stock market index and you're just below it, what are you going to do? The incentive tempts people to be dishonest."

Others said they were disappointed that the penalties were not stiffer. Mark Stipp, managing director of Marshall Capital Corp. in Toronto, disclosed the \$3 million fine as "not even as harmful as a parking ticket" for a company connected to an institution like the Royal Bank, which made \$1.7 billion in profits last year. And Toronto pension lawyer Murray Gold said the OSC did not deal harshly enough with RT Capital's six-member board, which rarely met, and failed to impose adequate controls on its employees. "They got a slap on the wrist," said Gold.

The commission came down harder on four employees—retirement fund manager Larkin and his colleagues Gary Baker, as well as stock trader Patrick Shea and Michael

The OSC's sweeping investigation flushed out RT Capital board members, managers and traders



SUSPENDED

MICHAEL EDWARDS
Chairman and CEO of the parent company RT Capital Management Holdings Inc.

Penalty: Prohibited from being a director or officer of any public company or other market participant in Canada for one month. Pays \$3,000 in costs.

● Disqualified as chairman. Not eligible to return as RT Capital director in a month.



RESIGNED

TIMOTHY GRIFFIN
President, CEO and director.

Penalty: Prohibited from being a director or officer of any public company or other market participant in Canada for 10 months. Pays \$3,000 in costs.



RETIRED

PETER RODRIGUES
President, finance and operations, and director. Responsible for operational aspects of RT Capital's investment, including the hearing system.

Penalty: Prohibited from being a director or officer of any public company or other market participant in Canada for six months. Pays \$4,000 in costs.



ALREADY RETIRED

DONALD WEBSTER
Finance senior vice-president, field advisor and director (joined March, 2000).

Penalty: Prohibited from being a director or officer of any public company or other market participant in Canada for six months. Pays \$4,000 in costs.



SUSPENDED

JENNIFER LEDERHMAN
Senior vice-president, compliance, and corporate secretary and director.

Penalty: Prohibited from being a director or officer of any public company or other market participant in Canada for three months. Pays \$3,000 in costs.



RESIGNED

PETER LARKIN
Senior vice-president, Canadian equities, and director. Responsible for \$1.3 billion in assets under management.

Penalty: Permanent prohibition of securities trading license and prohibited from being a director or officer of any public company or other market participant in Canada. Pays \$5,000 in costs.



RESIGNED

GARY BAKER
Vice-president, Canadian equities. Responsible for managing 10 Canadian funds and portfolios.

Penalty: Suspension of securities trading license and prohibited from being a director or officer of any public company or other market participant in Canada. Pays \$4,000 in costs.



RESIGNED

NATHAN GILLESPIE
Senior equity trader. "Top executive" at RT Capital.

Penalty: Crime but not permanent prohibition of securities trading for two years. Complete Canadian Securities Course and ethics course. Must be closely supervised. Bar lawyers until he returns to securities trading employment. Pays \$4,000 in costs.



RESIGNED

PATRICK SHEA
Senior equity trader. "Top executive" at RT Capital.

Penalty: Crime but not permanent prohibition of securities trading for two years. Complete Canadian Securities Course and ethics course. Must be closely supervised. Bar lawyers until he returns to securities trading employment. Pays \$4,000 in costs.

Gillette—who indulged in a practice known as the “high chase.” On 53 occasions between Dec. 30, 1998 and March 31, 1999, they bought shares in companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange just before the market closed at 4 p.m. The objective, according to the OSC, was “to create or maintain an uptick in the closing price, or alternately, to prevent or rectify a downturn.”

Larkin was the prime mover in the scheme, personally ordering 45 of the last-minute purchases. In one case, he instructed Shea to buy 1,200 shares of Multibank NY Financial Corp. at \$0.85 apiece, whereas the price on the previous trade was only \$0.01. In effect, Larkin and Shea artificially added \$13 to the value of every Multibank share outstanding, including nearly 265,000 held in one RT Capital portfolio. The net increase in the value of those shares was \$3.6 million. All told, Larkin



High-flying traders were brought down by a telephone taping system installed to prevent errors

and his colleagues used the high chase to pump up the value of their portfolios by nearly \$36.6 million.

In almost every case, they indulged in the practice at the end of the month, when portfolios are evaluated for use in compiling quarterly statements to clients. Firms are based on these values, meaning RT Capital could charge their clients more when the performance of the funds appeared to improve. The employees also stood to gain by meeting performance targets, and earning cash bonuses based on growth in the portfolios they managed. According to the OSC panel, RT Capital clients did pay higher fees due to stock manipulation, although the commission did not specify the actual amount. But the most serious issue was the breach of trust. “Clients have the right to assume that purchases and sales will be made for their benefit,” said Galt, “and not for the benefit of the adviser.”

The scheme began to unravel when TSE market surveillance officials noticed the trades of high chases on the final trading day of the month. They checked to see who was buying and selling, and found RT Capital was involved in most of the transactions. According to the OSC, Larkin, Belles, Shea and Gillette knew that the exchange was monitoring late trades, and the two traders worked with outside brokers to conceal their actions. But they were undone by

Willow: recording their trades was bought for the benefit of clients, not fund managers

a taping system installed at RT Capital in early October, 1998 to record conversations between employees and outside brokers, which has become routine in the industry to avoid errors. They did not know that the system was capturing internal discussions as well.

A year-long investigation by the TSE and OSC ended on June 29 with the announcement of the allegations. The company could have opted for a full hearing before a securities commission panel at which both sides could call witnesses and present evidence. Instead, RT Capital negotiated a quick settlement and absorbed the fine. But there was one big plus for the company—the tapes and other incriminating evidence did not become public.

The OSC interpreted the RT Capital case as a sign of a new get-rich-quick policy toward companies that play fast and loose with investors. Commission spokesman Frank Switzer says the 80-member enforcement department has doubled in size over the past two years, and the budget has grown from \$22 million to \$46 million in the same period. Those changes followed the appointment of David Brown, who left a major law firm, Toronto-based Davis, Ward & Beck, to become chairman in April, 1998 and was determined to strengthen the OSC. “It’s all part of a plan to become a more vigilant watchdog,” said Switzer.

But some observers are looking for a commission that reacts in even bigger stick and push move: walling. Gold says the OSC should have leveled a bigger fine, or imposed tougher penalties on the directors and senior executives in order to send a message about effective corporate governance. The six-member board of the company, according to the OSC, “did not convene on a regular basis and rarely, if ever, met formally in person or as a group.” Worse still, senior executives failed to monitor trading practices of portfolio managers and the trades who worked under them. “The board did not take its responsibilities seriously,” says Gold. “The absence of checks and balances was embarrassing.” And the consequences—a financial scandal, careers ruined and reputations in tatters—will be felt on Bay Street for years to come. ■

Back on the job

Architect Arthur Erickson has designed an elegant flophouse for Vancouver's homeless—and is refurbishing his star-crossed career

By Jennifer Hantler

Arthur Erickson, the grand old man of Canadian architecture, is conducting a tour of his latest project, a 10-story hotel in downtown Vancouver. The building bears many of Erickson's signature: a waterfall in the courtyard, rooms filled with windows to capture natural light, minimalist concrete and glass, a garden facing south. Erickson is pleased with his work. “This is his baby,” says builder Mike Pransky, who supervised the construction and is accompanying the architect on the tour. Erickson, at 76 still a man of passion and



Erickson at his new Portland Hotel. “I was very fortunate that someone came to the rescue”

hardcore boating, opens a heavy door that leads into the hotel lobby. “We had to design the building almost to the standards of a prison,” he says. “The hallway has to be unimpaired.” With reason. This is no ordinary hotel. It is a flophouse, a refuge for some of the most unfortunate characters in Vancouver's drug-addled Downtown Eastside.

It is starting to resemble the man who befriended Pierre Trudeau and Shirley MacLaine, who dined with royalty and designed some of the most celebrated public buildings in North America—Simon Fraser University, the Vancouver Court House, the Canadian Embassy in Washington—would be confining a home for persons suffering from mental illness and diseases such as tuberculosis, AIDS and hepatitis C. But Erickson, who in 1986 became the only

Canadian to win the coveted American Institute of Architects Gold Medal, does not think it strange. “When I was asked, ‘Would you consider doing a board for prisoners and drug addicts?’ I said, ‘No,’” he explains. “It’s always curious about how other people lead their lives.”

In a sense, the \$7-million hotel, which will replace the seedy Portland Hotel just around the corner, has become a metaphor for Erickson's own career. Like the Portland residents, Erickson has suffered the humiliation of being down on the heels, publicly embarrassed by bankruptcy and the loss of his own home. And like the elegant now Portland, which aims to better the lives of local neophytes, Erickson's career a slowly being rejuvenated. He is busy designing houses and public build-

ings. “I’ve always been lucky,” says the quietly architect who takes a contemplative approach to life. “I’ve never concerned about personal tragedy because something positive always seems to happen.”

The Portland project landed in his lap four years ago. The hotel, a sorry-looking, century-old building on Camell Street, is run by the Portland Hotel Society, which relies on public funding and donations. It is one of the society's three young directors, Lu Evans, who thought of Erickson and architect Mark Townsend, who resigned up the nerve to call the office where Erickson shares space with Nick Milkovich Architects. “I said to him, ‘You have a controversial reputation and you’re the best at what you do—we are dealing with people who are seen as undercaring and we

Financial woes in the early 1990s cost the famed architect his business, homes and valued clients

think it would be wonderful if a great Canadian architect could do something for them," recalls Townsend. After seeing photographs of some of the Portland residents, Enckson agreed with alacrity. "People always think Arthur is too busy, that he is working in Kuwait or China," says Milikovich, who also worked on the building. "But the people at the Portland Hotel proved that wrong. They just showed up."

It was perhaps his own experience being "homeless" that drew Enckson to the philanthropic project. In the early 1990s, as he closed offices in Toronto and Los Angeles and reorganized his business in Vancouver, Enckson was also forced to give up his house in Bel-Air, Calif. The house in Vancouver—a converted garage with a remarkable natural



Simon Fraser University celebrated buildings across North America

she says. Inspired by the efforts in Chicago to preserve Frank Lloyd Wright's domestic architecture, Watts enlisted help from Montreal architect-rund dynasty Phyllis Lambert and formed a grassroots group to raise money to buy the Enckson home. "Our big difficulty was that the details of his messy business operations and bankruptcy were quite well known among

and buildings," Enckson says. "You would normally go back to the original architect." When Vancouver city council decided to build a splendid central library in the early 1990s, he was eliminated early in the selection process. Enckson—seen as a prodigious spender—was out of favour with local politicians, says his former student, colleague and head of the library building commission, architect Bing Thom. (Montreal architect Moshe Safdie got the nod, instead.) Enckson is one of Canada's national treasures," says Thom, noting that he was just one of

many notes "Vancouver has been very unfair to him."

Despite the disappointments, Enckson has soldiered on, designing The Museum of Glass in Tacoma, Wash., million-dollar homes in Canada and the United States and creating a residential area for the city of Guangzhou, China. He is also busy writing his memoirs, recalling his travels as Tibet with Trudeau, his racing days with Prince Charles and

Canada's corporate elite," says Watts.

But she and her group persevered. Today, the Arthur Enckson House & Garden Foundation is the caretaker of the property, which is still encumbered with a mortgage of about \$500,000. Enckson now rents his former home and graciously allows tour groups—for \$10 a head—to traipse through the garden. It is the least he can do. "I was very fortunate," he says, "that someone came to the rescue."

Maintaining his practice as an architect has not been easy over the past decade. Since Fraser University, the project that brought Enckson his first international attention, is building a residential village without employing him as principal architect. "I am very discouraged about not being involved in the rehabilitation of some of my sev-

eral, Prince of Wales, and his architectural coup. Above all, he hopes the students of the new Portland Hotel, which opens this month, will appreciate its modernity, spontaneity—and light. "I am anxious to see what first response will be," he says. "These are people used to dark corners to hide and I am putting them in a highly illuminated place."

No matter what, Enckson says he is keen to work again with the Portland Hotel Society to create homes for the disadvantaged. The society is eager to re-employ him, too. "We were incredibly lucky to get him," says Townsend. "Now, we're spoiled. We're going to have trouble working with any other architect." Told of Townsend's comments, Enckson beams. Someone out there still appreciates his artistry. ■

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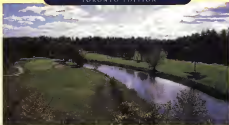
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In shape for a hydro war

Rao Osborne has one of the most unusual challenges of any chief executive in Canada: his primary job is to create competition for the company he runs.

Osborne, 54, is president and CEO of Ontario Power Generation Inc., the veteran that now holds the electricity-generating assets owned by Ontario Hydro before it was broken up in 1998. Osborne had joined Hydro in 1998, two years after the provincial government announced that it would dismantle the largest power utility in Canada and introduce open competition into a monopoly market. Since taking the helm at Hydro, he has been racing to overhaul the utility's bloated bureaucracy. Within a decade, he must reduce Ontario Power Generation's share of the province's electricity-generating market to 35 per cent from its present 90 per cent, to comply with the *Tier 1* Energy Competition Act.

To that end, Osborne recently sealed a controversial \$3.3-billion deal that will see British Energy PLC lease and operate the nuclear facilities at the Bruce generating plant on Lake Huron for 18 years, competing with OPG for their existing customers, as well as any new ones. In his view, the deal is a huge step in the right direction. "We've been mandated to help create competition under Bill 35 and we might as well go on with it," he notes. "It's not much of a game plan to have the sword of Damocles of devalued buying over your head for 18 years."

The transaction has come under intense public scrutiny. For one thing, critics have expressed concern that after the lease expires, Ontario taxpayers will be saddled with an obsolescent facility and a big tab for decommissioning the reactor and disposing of hazardous waste. There has also been a call for assurances that the money from the lease will be directed toward the reduction of the almost \$8-billion "stranded debt" left behind after Ontario Hydro's restructuring. Still others are worried about the environmental standards that will be enforced when Bruce—which is now only partially operational—is no longer under OPG's control.

In his rapid-fire manner, Osborne readily shifts off his answers to each of those issues. Ontario is on the hook for the cost of de-commissioning and disposing of waste regardless of who operates the plant. And a big block of the lease payments will be directed to those future costs. Both federal and provincial legislatures will oversee the environmental standards at Bruce. Furthermore, Osborne points out that British Energy will try to ensure several of the Bruce nuclear units that were mothballed between 1993 and 1998. "We can't restore service at Pickering and Bruce simultaneously. That's beyond any management's sound grasp," he declares.

Even Ron Robes of Energy Probe, a vigilante watchdog on nuclear issues, sees some benefits to the Energy deal.

"There will be no more confusion surrounding this business. We all now know that we are dealing with a company that is out to win, to maximize costs and maximize returns." He adds that "any clarity is welcome."

Cautiously, during a something that Osborne is struggling to call as OPG. He would support privatization of the utility—eventually. Although he emphasizes that the Ontario government has taken no formal steps in that direction, he also notes that the government did hire two teams of investment bankers in the spring to help it review options for OPG and its assets. "If we do a good job, the government will have several options to consider," says Osborne. "If we do a bad job, it will have few options beyond the status quo or the breakup and sale of assets."

For Osborne, the status quo has never been a viable option. A British-born chartered accountant, he worked for several years as a partner at Clarkson Gordon, before scaling the senior ranks at Maclean, Hunter. After losing an acrimonious battle with Rogers Communications in 1994 over control of the publishing company, now called Rogers Publishing, Osborne surfaced at BCE Inc. As president of the conglomerate, and then president and CEO of Bell Canada, he became directly involved in a painful process that taught him much of the lessons he's now applying at OPG, the end of John Bell's monopoly in Ontario, Quebec and the Northwest Territories.

Perhaps the most important lesson, says Osborne, is the huge cultural adjustment required for successful deregulation and competition. "In a monopoly, there's a sense that you know what's best and the customer has to take what's offered. You devote to the customer, then all of a sudden you have to learn to listen and respond," says Osborne.

In addition to his self-confessed practice of "punching" from the Moore whenever an employee will stand still long enough, he is also tackling the cultural shift at OPG in a practical manner. "We made it clear that we'll continue to put bread on the table for our workers," he explains. "But most of the jobs for that bread has to come from savings and corporate performance." To reinforce that message, he has introduced a variety of profit-sharing plans which, he says, "have quickly gone a long way to building an interest in the financial success of OPG."

Any such success will come under some serious strain by mid-2001, when full competition is anticipated to begin as the Ontario power market. Independent power generators, local distributors, aggregators, wholesalers and British Energy will all be vying for their piece of the \$9-billion-a-year provincial power market. By then, Osborne intends to have OPG even closer to its fighting weight—and his fighting spirit.

A World of Difference

Canadian couples are finding original ways to celebrate their big day

By Susan McClelland

They sure don't make weddings like they used to. The rituals for Garry Kollins and Anna Khan in Toronto included a traditional Indian *wed* and a special Jewish blessing. On a Pacific beach in the Cook Islands, a barefoot Lari and Stjepan Stjepanovic of Calgary were married by a lounge singer they only ever knew as "Dizzy the Mormon preacher." Jenny 'Who and Richard Chan of Winnipeg celebrated their special day with both a big white western wedding and a traditional Chinese tea-pouring ceremony. And Jennifer Craft, wearing cranberry-red cordials with her champagne-coloured gown, and Ross Kandel in a make-shift outdoor chapel in a old hill in New Brunswick. "Wherever someone suggested we do something traditional," said Craft, echoing a sentiment that many of today's brides and grooms would recognize, "we would always answer that it just not us."

Ah, tradition. It's not so much that it has disappeared, but that it is evolving. This year, more than 172,000 Canadian couples will walk down the aisle, about 10 per cent more than last year, thanks, in part, to the magic of the year 2000. (Lunar benefit: no income for forgetting how long they've been married). Celebrations held in July or August, complete with lavish country-club receptions and bridesmaids in elaborate dresses, are still a large part of the \$4.5-billion-a-year wedding industry in Canada. But more than ever, couples are finding original ways to tie the knot. While some escape to exotic locales, others have ceremonies that reflect Canada's multicultural mosaic. As well, brides and grooms are older today than people were when first married in the past. That makes them more likely to make their own arrangements—and face the bill themselves. "Couples are planning their weddings from the inside out rather than conforming to outside norms," says Beth Hobbs, a Calgary therapist. "They're considering their values and what they want as a foundation for their life together."



Craft, Kandel (left) a makeshift outdoor chapel in a old hill in New Brunswick

mother is also a religious Jew. Khan's father, on the other hand, is Indian and her Welsh mother became a Muslim when she married him. After dating for three years, Kollins, 28, and Khan, 24, decided to get married. "Anna's father is very traditional," the groom says. "The best thing was to get married and move on." They opted to forgo a religious ceremony and had a justice of the peace marry them in a civil service. Still, the two planned a luncheon to honour the many relatives their families are descended from. Khan wore a gold-embroidered shawl made of fabric sent from Pakistan.

Although the luncheon was held at Toronto's Boulevard Club, an outside restaurant catered the buffet of mostly Indian foods, including curries and tandoori. The Webb relatives gave the couple traditional gifts, including a love spoon and a horseshoe to hang over their door. And to honour Kollins' Jewish heritage, the couple did a blessing over the bread, called the *Havonah*. "Everything named out the way we wanted it to be," says Kollins, on a visit home last week from Seoul, where the two teach at an international school. "What was important to Anna's family,

Folk, it seems, are not being scared off by statistics that suggest nearly a third of their marriages will fall apart. In fact, hope is changing over experience: the divorce rate has actually dropped since 1987, when it hit 50 per cent. Other couples believe they can avoid becoming a marriage casualty by taking a little test run first. In 1996, the latest year that statistics are available, 39 per cent of couples aged 20 to 29 lived in common-law unions. Still, the wedding has its appeal—and with the economy booming, why not take the plunge?

That is what Kollins and Khan did in May. They were both born in Toronto, but to radically different backgrounds. Kollins' grandfather is an Orthodox Jew and his



Chen (left) and Woo at the Jan. 1997 ceremony honoring unions and Chinese traditions



we included. What we wanted was to keep it simple, and it was, too."

The Saramonows kept their angle as well. "I had been to several weddings over the last year and saw what my friends were doing," says Lori, 36, an account manager for a design firm. "A lot of preparation goes into these weddings and we really wanted ours to be just about us and our love for each other." In addition, neither set of parents would have been able to attend regardless of where it was held: Lori's working in Kuwait and Sophia live in Nagasaki. So the Calgary couple, who had been dating for a year and a half, simply hopped on a plane for a 13-hour flight to the Cook Islands, east of Fiji. "I don't know if you can actually call it eloping, since it was the worst-kept secret in the world," says Lori. "I blabbed to a couple of friends and we did tell our parents."

A wedding planner recommended by the bride when they stayed readied many of the arrangements for them. As well as being Lori's best friend, she arranged for the tropical shore-dad Danny to conduct the ceremony. Both bride and groom stood barefoot on the beach as they recited their vows. Then, when she and Stephen, 29, a trader with a major brokerage, returned to their hotel room, he picked up his new bride, but instead of carrying her across the threshold, he grabbed her, turned around and jumped into the pool. In all, according to Lori, the day could not have been better. "I wouldn't change a thing—truly, it was just perfect for us."

Such weddings would have been almost unheard of 40 years ago. Still, the trend—the bride in white to symbolize her purity, the fancy church wedding, the pricey catered reception—is comparatively new, say wedding experts. According to Katherine Jefferson, a history professor at Ohio University and author of the forthcoming book *My Day: The Commercialization of American Weddings, 1945-2000*, before the Second World War only the upper classes in North America had such elaborate affairs. Most lower- and middle-class couples married in mod-

est church settings or small civil ceremonies in the home. And the bride probably wore the same outfit she wore to church on Sundays—which wasn't necessarily white.

New York City-based *Bride's* magazine, says Jefferson, started the whole white-wedding craze. When it was first published in 1934, the magazine was directed only to society brides on the East Coast. But after the war, with a burgeoning middle class that had lost disposable income, *Bride's* began distributing across North America. "They were looking at themselves if they got looked at the upper class as a reader," says Jefferson, "so they expanded and invited everyone into the world married for the rich." Holywood, she adds, also played a role in the evolution of the wedding. The original 1950 movie *Father of the Bride* starring Spencer Tracy "sent out the message that this was how you married in North America," she says. "Although the family is middle class, they spend all their resources as if they were wealthy."

These vows, of course, always come with embedded alternatives. The late '60s and early '70s were rife with hippie couples saying their vows on mountaintops or under waterfalls. These days, it has become common place for brides and grooms to plant their own wedding. In a more savvy wedding by Whitehall, a leading Canadian wedding magazine, more than 80 per cent of guests said they played a major role in the organizing. Of the couples interviewed, 33 per cent also said they would be covering all the costs themselves—enabling daughters and sons to inherit money from parents to back off. In all, only eight per cent of those surveyed indicated that a parent was solely responsible for the bill.

Part of what is driving this trend,

Even when couples incorporate their families' traditions, they can bring something new to the mix

say the experts, is the increasing age of couples when they marry. According to Statistics Canada, the average age of first marriage in 1992 was 25.2 for men and 22.5 for women. By 1997, the most recent year for which statistics are available, this had risen to 28.5 years for men and 27.4 for women. At these

ages, says Cops Stewart, editor-in-chief of *Whitehall's*, "couples know what they want in a wedding. It's not worn or old telling a young 22-year-old bride what to do." The bride and groom's rising ages bode well for the marriage, too, says Anne Milan, author of Statistics Canada's recent report, *Our Humbled Lives of Families*. "Couples may be more mature when they get married," she says, "and think about the consequences of what they are getting into."

Janet Restivo certainly believes that's the case. The 37-year-old Toronto stylist, who will marry her second husband, Brian Hall, after 2½ years of dating, describes her first marriage, in 1987, "in this whole princess, fairy-tale deal—I just assumed my would-be happily ever after." Restivo recalls she was then only 24 and just got back and let her parents pay for everything. "I was too young to know that my husband and I weren't suited for each other." By 1995, she was divorced and raising her son, Michael, alone. For a long time, the single mom had no intention of ever re-

marrying. "If I did this again," Restivo says, "the focus would be on making the marriage work, not the wedding." When she and Hall marry aboard a Toronto cruise ship this week, Michael will be part of the ceremony. The eight-year-old will stand between the couple and Hall will give him a gold wedding band as well as one to Restivo.

"There are challenges with someone that old," adds Hall, 38, "but I knew after a few months of dating that it was right."

Canada's multiculturalism is clearly reflected in today's weddings. Take Tara Shinkewski and Kyle Green's union on July 15 in Sarnia, Ont. The couple went in a traditional Catholic ceremony but included aspects of their Ukrainian and Scottish backgrounds. While the bride was in a classic white gown, Green, 28, wore a kilt, the Black Watch regimental tartan, and the couple opted the church to the sound of bagpipes. The reception for their 220 guests included haggis and cabbage rolls. And afterwards, the guests, bride and groom did the Kolomojka, a Ukrainian dance.

Sharon Bachman-Ernle, 33, a family counselling and human relations, 38, an account representative for a shipping company, performed a similar balancing act at their July 15 wedding in Toronto. She, like Shinkewski, wore a classic white gown while her, like Green, wore a kilt. Their



Kallian and Klara: 'We say we wanted it'

'A family affair'

Trends may come and go, but the big white wedding will endure. That, at least, is the view of many in the bridal business—and the forthcoming society wedding of the year is a classic example. When Caroline Mulroney, the only daughter of former prime minister Brian Mulroney, marries Andrew Lapham, son of *Harper's* magazine editor-in-chief Lewis Lapham, on Sept. 17 it will be a grand affair. Friends and family of the couple are likely tipped about the specifics, but Mulroney has learned some of the details. Caroline, 26, who is studying law at New York University, and Andrew, 28, who has launched an

Internet e-commerce business, will be married at St. Leon, a grey stone church on a leafy street in Montreal's quiet Westmount. The parents of the Brides

Catholic Church, which was 700, should be mostly full with an estimated 500 guests. Father Gregory MacKinnon, a former priest of Mulroney's alma mater, St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S., will perform the ceremony. The reception will be held downtown in two elegant rooms at the Windsor Ballrooms, the former Windsor Hotel.

Who is planning the nuptials? "It's my

Caroline Mulroney with brother Mark (far left) family is type-A-appet

reach a family affair," says Mulroney's family friend Luc Laroche. "So everybody is involved." While Laroche would not comment on whether high-profile friends of Brian and Mills Mulroney's, such as former U.S. president George Bush, former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher or talk-show host Kathy Lee Gifford, would attend, he did acknowledge, "you can expect some well-known people."

Trends: Banquet at Montreal



Stephen and Lori Saramonow: Keeping it simple

Bassi and Mahany at the Hindu Mandir: one of two religious ceremonies

mosque, too, reflected their backgrounds, especially the Scottish and West Indian music a DJ played late into the night before they left for their honeymoon—a 17-day tour of the Greek Islands and Turkey.

Even when couples incorporate their families' traditions, they can bring something new to the mix. When Jason Mahany and Monica Bassi got married in Calgary, they opted for two ceremonies. On July 14, they wed in a Sikh temple, called a Gurdwara, to celebrate her cultural roots; the next day they married in a Hindu Mandir to honor his.

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by John

Bassi, 25, and Mahany, 27, who met at the University of Calgary in 1995 and work in the information technology industry, created a Web site to explain the traditions of each faith to their 500 invited guests. On entering the Gurdwara, males and females separate and cover their heads. "The Web site showed guests what to expect, especially the European-descended people who may never have been to a Sikh or Hindu ceremony before," says Mahany.

There is also a new approach in how couples prepare for their big day—and happily ever after. A so-called marriage movement has sprung up in Canada and the United States. Books, pre- and post-wedding counselling, weekend retreats and workshop seminars all offer couples advice on communicating and working through conflict. Rev. David Reed, a professor of theology at the University of

Toronto, said the movement

arose to try to forestall the divorce epidemic. Couples marry primarily for romance and, when that changes, they haven't been taught how to sustain the love, he says. Also, life expectancy is the highest it has ever been—76 for men and 81 for women—and so "all death do you part" means a much longer time than it ever did before. As a result, he says, churches and priests or

rituations are stepping in to help couples make it over the long haul. "People want these marriages to last," says Reed.

When Penny and Neil Kennedy, for example, became engaged last year, the Coquitlam, B.C., couple thought they were prepared for marriage since they had been living

together for five years. Still, several months before their May wedding, they decided to take a pre-marriage workshop their United Church minister had recommended. "I didn't expect much," says Penny, 26, an early-childhood educator. "We'd been together for so long and I thought I knew what we were doing." In fact, the couple finally learned so much from the experience they chose to attend sessions for the entire four months leading up to their wedding. And they promised each other to designate one weekend a year for refreshment courses. "We try to prevent problems now before they happen," says Penny. And Neil, 25, who designs hot-water heating systems. "That means working together as a team."

Jenny Woo and Richard Chan did not take a pre-marital course—but they did make the day all about them and their beliefs. When they wed at All Saints Anglican Church in Winnipeg on July 8, Woo, 28, wore a white gown with a small train and Chan, 30, a tuxedo. They wanted a western wedding, they said, because they live in Canada. But in the afternoon, they changed into traditional wedding attire and held the on-pouring ceremony to bring fortune and good luck. Afterwards, they headed off to a 10-course Chinese dinner. "It was important to us that we honor both our heritages," says Chan. "The white wedding and the Chinese traditions." What a beautiful thing: the Canadian wedding has become, something old, something new, something borrowed and something—well, whatever colour the bride and groom want.

With Ruth Atherley in Vancouver and Brian Kir in Calgary



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Gwen, Shishikouki, Ibis and Kabanagha

The Seven-Year Itch

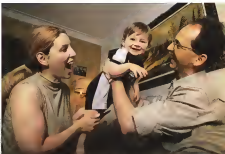
Couples first profiled in 1993 describe what it takes to stay together

By Amy Cameron

He was black, a socialist and the son of South African exiles. She was a sheltered twin, brought up in a traditional Greek house in Toronto. That Kagan Pillay and Helen Papacostas met, fell in love and married was against all odds. That their marriage would survive a move from the relative safety of Canada to the crime-ridden safety of Johannesburg was also improbable. Of all the couples profiled in a *Maclean's* June 28, 1993, cover story on weddings, this pair faces some of the biggest challenges that can rock a marriage, especially during the infamous "seven-year itch." However, Pillay and Papacostas maintain now living through the myth period with hardly a problem. How do they manage it? Compromise, laughter and never letting the days deep between them. "It's a surefire way to kill romance," laughs Papacostas, 37. "Keep your love private and protect it in all ways."

In the original profiles, eight couples from across Canada explained why they chose to formalize their relationships that July. All talked about the future with a very newsworthy glow. Seven years later, *Maclean's* checked in to see how they were handling the salacious of wedlock. One couple proved too elusive to find. Two more, no longer together, did not comment. But the happy ones are that five of the original eight are still together.

The itch—a harbinger to wonder after seven years of marriage—was made famous in the 1955 Marilyn Monroe movie and has had many couples crying the calendar ever since. While the itch was supposedly more myth than fact, a U.S. study published in 1999 tracked 522 couples over 10 years and found that if they managed to survive a first urge to run in Year 4, a second itch would occur in Year 7 as couples



Lin Papacostas, Toronto, and their son Jonty. "I have never been enforced"

re-examined their relationships. "If we haven't had the space to be ourselves in the relationship, and we have gotten somehow into fulfilling social roles for each other, the gap begins to grow," explains Beth Heiba, a Calgary marriage counsellor. Major life changes, communication problems and money are among the canyons for most marriage troubles during this period. But the most common reason for marital difficulties is children—whether to have them and how to raise them. Most of the couples profiled in *Maclean's* have faced these issues, but have grown together as a result.

For Papacostas, moving far away from home was a way to break free from her established social role and develop a healthier relationship with Pillay. In 1993, she and her twin sister, Lisa, were married in a joint ceremony to two best friends. The two couples lived together in a shared Toronto house, eventually moving on female to South Africa to start an information technology business. "Deciding to go to South Africa was an adventure, but it also represented the severing of a life line of care for me," acknowledges Helen. "In order to become truly responsible and stand up on my own feet, I had to cut that terrible but very dark cord that connected me to my family and learn to connect it to Kagan."

The South African business was a success, but Lisa and her

British-born husband, Jon Fentura, decided to move to England after seven years. It was a huge change for the sisters but a necessary one for Ian and Jon's marriage. They wanted children and worried Johannesburg was not a good place to raise a family. Settling in York, Jon, 34, went to law school and Ian became pregnant. This August, the couple and their 16-month-old son, Jonny, move yet again to Bath where Jon has found work. "Now that we have Jonny, we have to be a little more subtle in what we do and be a bit more long-term," says Jon, adding that they will likely revisit the idea of another child in a year or two. Ian believes



*Koch, Noble looking
Laughing Holly in
a whole new challenge!*

their 20-month-old daughter, Haylen, and is planning for another child due in August. "I'm working mostly in oil fields," explains Dan, 31. "I expect this to boom for a couple more years so I am going to work as hard as I can and make a killing while I can. That is my goal." Then, once Haylen is in school, Dan plans on working from home in Coaldale so that their family can be together.

Most of the couples agreed that children proved to be the most challenging issue in their marriage. Seven years ago, Pam Koch and Clare Noble didn't even think about children when they celebrated their union in

Toronto's Metropolitan Community Church. The two women were more worried about whether Clare, a British citizen, would be able to get her landed immigrant status on compassionate grounds. Sharing a strong sense of social justice, the couple was also busy fighting for lesbian and gay rights and working in the not-for-profit sector. "One of the major hurdles in our relationship was deciding to have children," admits Koch, 39. "I didn't have that urge to have children and I knew that Clare has always wanted them. It wouldn't be fair to deny her that." After a lot of discussion and finding the right doctors, Noble gave birth to their daughter, Holly Koch-Noble, in March, 1996. "Having a child is a whole new challenge because you have to get to know one another again as parents," says Noble, 35, who joined immigrant status and now works as a staffer in a non-traditional education collective in Toronto. "I tend to be more laissez-faire and Pam is stricter."

Despite the hurdles of moving, money, fertility and the idiosyncrasies of each partner, these five couples are progressing through the rocky year with a firm commitment to their marriage. The two couples who are no longer together unfortunately fell within the national divorce statistics. In 1997, the most recent year for which figures are available from Statistics Canada, leaving their spouse outweighed the vows of marriage for 35 per cent of Canadian couples, down from the disheartening 51 per cent in 1987.

So what happened to those who split up? There is a pause on the phone as the women at the other end ponder the seemingly innocuous question: "Is Fred or Joyce (first, please)?" Her voice, when she finally answers, is tight. "Joyce? No, Joyce is no longer... I'm the new wife." Chuckle. The line goes dead.

Clearly someone's inch was scratched. ■

today as "those disgustingly happily married people." Daria, 48, jokingly describes herself as a 1950s wife who stays at home pairing while John, 50, works in his family medical practice. They have faced challenges outside of their union—stepchildren, family illness and the death of both of their fathers—but they have a simple recipe to make marriage work. "Honey," says John. "Frank, almost never-ending openness. Unconditional support and an ability to laugh at ourselves. We're both very capable of laughing at ourselves."

Money can cause many marriages apart, but for three of the *Matchless* couples, sharing the financial burden proved invaluable. Clarr Kijay, 25, worried while her husband was in university. Now, with Dan away for extended periods of time because of his environmental consulting business, Clarr manages their home in Coaldale, Alta, keeps watch over

Music



Vancouver gamble

Stephen Drance wants his city on the cultural map

On the walls of his home on Vancouver's False Bay, Dr. Stephen Drance has a collection of antique maps—early efforts by cartographers to give form to the blank regions that read "Here be monsters." That work, Drance, 75, does a little pioneer mapping of his own as he guides a major new music festival into waters largely uncharted but almost known to be dangerous. The first Festival Vancouver opens July 28 for a 17-day run with more than 90 concerts at nine venues around Vancouver. In \$3.2-million budget, Drance makes it among the largest summer arts celebrations in Canada, and far surpasses any of Vancouver's older events, including the city's well-established folk-music (\$1 million), jazz (\$2 million) and film (\$2 million) festivals.

Drance, a retired ophthalmologist and philanthropist who previously aimed \$8.1 million for a new eye-care unit at Vancouver General Hospital, had long wanted to see a serious arts celebration in his home town. In 1947, he was at the very first Edinburgh Festival—now one of the world's most presti-

gious international arts celebrations—and still travels widely to attend classical and early music events. "Every time I sit at a festival in Europe," he says, "I think of Vancouver and in beauty and I say, 'We could run such a thing here.'"

So in 1997 Drance met with Vancouver's Music Alliance and won approval for his plan. A key component was to think big: "If we're going to have a festival, it really needs to be festive," says Drance. "You don't create small lesser things." That meant he faced the daunting task of raising \$2.2 million to fund a completely unknown quantity (the other \$1 million is projected to come from ticket sales). Remarkably, Drance succeeded, extracting \$700,000 from the three levels of government and \$1.5 million from private and corporate donors. And that is despite the fact that he learned—arts events are a hard sell "I would prefer to do three health projects at \$8 million each than one at \$2.2 million for the arts," he says.

Even with its extensive budget, Festival Vancouver decided to scratch in dollars. "We have not gone exclusively for

Drance at home 'You don't create small festive things'

having Yo-Yo Ma and Pavarotti and every type of person who it would require \$70,000 or \$80,000 to bring here," Drance says. American soprano Barbara Bonney is the highest-profile performer coming. Instead of stars, festival director George Lawrenson opted for scope. Along with choral music—Lawrenson, 55, a former CBC Radio producer, organized Vancouver's successful 1993 World Symposium on Choral Music—there is a Borstow series, late-night classical jazz, Balkan gamelan music, drumming from three continents and a day-long concert featuring the works of Canadian composer R. Murray Scheriff. Opens include Macmillan's rarely performed *Ophelia*, complete with its exotic 17th-century instruments—among them viola da gamba, chitarrone and a rugel—under the music premise of the made-in-Canada *Game Menagerie* by Leslie Uyeda and Tom Cora. One of five new works commissioned by the festival, the opera is set in the seventh game of a hockey playoff series.

Considering the relatively huge \$1-million box-office take the festival needs to break even, the real question is whether Vancouverites, who seem largely unaware that an Edinburgh Festival West may be building on these doornails, will embrace it. Two past attempts at big-budget summer arts showcases, the Vancouver International Festival in the 1960s and a Shakespeare festival in the 1980s, were economic failures that lasted only a few seasons each.

Since then Vancouver has grown larger and—festival organizers hope—more sophisticated. Certainly Lawrenson and Drance succeed by the breadth of the line-up. Asked to name the performance he's looking forward to the most, Lawrenson praises "That's a difficult one," he says finally. "Because I'm planning to go to all of the concerts."

John Mattern in Vancouver

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The Ghost and Mrs. Spencer



Pfeiffer (left), Ford, truly creepy sinning

In the 1980s, Hollywood's cautionary tale for middle-aged men with wandering eyes was *Fatal Attraction*, and its notorious balled-bustle in the new millennium, however, the consequences are even higher: The stylish *What Lies Beneath*, starring Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer as the unfaithful husband and his hapless wife, adds a horror element to its thriller frame. This time the threat to the besotted couple is an overactive woman gone mad but a water-logged ghost.

Ford plays Norman Spencer, a brilliant genetics professor with a beautiful but vulnerable wife, Claire (Pfeiffer), and a seemingly perfect life. But soon after their only child leaves home for college, Claire starts to see and hear a

supernatural presence in the centuries-old family home. The beginning of the movie makes much of Claire's empathic syndromes, and a look at her accident shows an untold hint of emotional fragility. So Norman is quick to dismiss his wife's experiences as signs of mental distress, and assigns her to the care of a psychiatrist. But after a hour that does not noticeably drag, the film slowly—very slowly—reveals the truth of Claire's terrifying visions of Norman and the ghost of his wife.

gross co-ed [played by supermodel Angelina Jolie] who apparently disappeared while the two were having an affair the previous year. Despite being maddled with cliché beyond even the studio norms, *What Lies Beneath* provides truly creepy viewing, far more frightening than conventional blood-and-gore horror films. The hysterical Pfeiffer and Ford's bullying phobias—his first non-hen turn in a quarter-century of leading roles—use both often tedious but subtle visual effects and slick cinema moves that recall Alfred Hitchcock's sophisticated thriller easily make up for the movie's sins.

Susan Oh

The latest sure thing

Another week, another hit. *Survivor* returns. The last man standing on CBS hit summer show will be youth basketball coach Gerrore Peterson—or at least according to a 22-year-old Canadian computer hacker. Comic Sloop claimed that CBS Web designers had stored, for later use, images of the other 15 contestants—also stored with a red X. Measured by a surge of pro-Gerrore wagging at

many *Survivor* fans, bettors are buying in, seemingly underdogged by the failure of previous rock-solid contestants. Those would include the widely predicted triumph of Gretchen Cordy, voted off the island on the July 12 episode. The new returner appeared at the same time as publisher TV Books' release of *Survivor*, the show's official companion guide. Set to



Photos: Jeffery Jorgensen

Pop Movies	
1. <i>Ice Cube</i> (PG-13)	\$7,911,448
2. <i>Scary Movie</i> (PG-13)	\$6,777,487
3. <i>The Perfect Storm</i> (PG-13)	\$2,345,918
4. <i>The Fastest</i> (PG-13)	\$1,276,730
5. <i>Diary of the Dead</i> (PG-13)	\$871,000
6. <i>Chicken Race</i> (PG-13)	\$871,000
7. <i>My World & I</i> (PG-13)	\$779,579
8. <i>Wishy Washy</i> (PG-13)	\$650,000
9. <i>How to Succeed in Business</i> (PG-13)	\$485,777
10. <i>La Vie en Rose</i> (PG-13)	\$384,000

Top movies in Canada, including weekend box office grosses during the same days that ended on July 20. (In Canada, numbers of cinema facilities showing.)

Source: Entertainment Weekly

Reality TV.com

The rest of Canada may be far from sharing Toronto's belief that it is the centre of the universe, but two young entrepreneurs are betting other Canadians will want a vicious taste of life in Hogtown. The Web site www.BreakoutTV.com—tagged as "TV that awakens"—features video clips from parties and sporting events, and from such slice-of-life scenes as a visit to the tattoo artist. The company, which aims to turn a profit from advertising, was launched on July 20 by software developers Jay Usher, 26, and Joe Martin, 23, and employs 28 people who hope to spin their lives into a living TV that awakes whole.

A royal tour

The queen of children's literature is coming to Canada, in a style reminiscent of a rock 'n' roll tour. After a year of controversy by her fans, J. K. Rowling, who penned the four phenomenally selling *Harry Potter* novels, will visit Vancouver and Toronto. Vancouver International Writers Festival organizers have booked the 3,000-seat Queen Elizabeth Theatre for a reading on Oct. 25, with tickets going for up to \$15. The day before, however, Toronto's International Festival of Authors will pull out all the stops. Rowling will read at the city's cavernous SkyDome, announced festival artistic director Greg Gumbert at a raucous media conference attended by 50 children dressed as characters in her books. Up to 60,000 fans will be able to stream down to the stadium, home to the city's blue jays baseball team, at prices ranging from \$5 to \$200. "Rowling just has no idea how big she is in North America," Gumbert says. "We're huge to show her."



Stagestruck

Seven years after her 133-day stint as Canada's first female prime minister ended, Kim Campbell is returning to the spotlight. Currently Canadian cabinet-general in Los Angeles, where she lives with Montreal-born musician Henkhy Felder, Campbell will appear onstage with Felder in Toronto on July 30 during the annual Bloor Summer Music



Campbell, Felder, co-musicians

Festival. Felder, the 31-year-old star of the off-Broadway show *Georgie Gershwin's Blues*—will join Bloor's National Academy Orchestra in performing the composer's works, while Campbell, 55, will relate anecdotes about Gershwin's life. The orchestra will also play selections from *North's Art*, a musical with lyrics co-authored by Campbell and Felder. The start of a lasting career?

Best-Sellers

Fiction	
1. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	1
2. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	2
3. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	3
4. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	4
5. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	5
6. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	6
7. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	7
8. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	8
9. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	9
10. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	10

Non-Fiction

1. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	1
2. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	2
3. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	3
4. <i>THE GIVER</i> (Lois Lowry) (PG-13)	4
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(1) Based on the
Compiled by Brian Balfour

A death foretold

Two years after publishing *The Day After Tomorrow*, Christopher Andersen is back with a similar biography about the Princess of Wales' American counterpart. *The Day After Tomorrow* (Hyperion) profiles the life of John Kennedy Jr. and details the events leading up to the July 16, 1999, airplane crash that killed him, his wife Carolyn Bessette, and her sister Lauren. The author claims to have the inside story on Kennedy's political ambitions, and his pre-marital romances with Madonna, Deyf Harnish and others. What sticks out most, however, is Kennedy's risk-taking nature. He had had several other brushes with disaster before his death at 38, including an ill-fated paragliding flight in high winds in May 1999, from which he escaped with only a broken ankle.



Ballerina triumphant

Dancer Kimberly Glauco 19-month battle with the National Ballet of Canada ended last week with a final parting of the ways. Both ballerina and company claimed vindication, but it was the National that paid Glauco an undisclosed sum. (Sources placed it at the high six figures.) In December, 1996, National artistic director James Kudachuk told the principal dancer that her skills had



Glauco's vindication

declined and her contract would not be renewed. Glauco, maintaining she had been fired for questioning Kudachuk's spending plans, sued. In June an arbitrator ordered the National to ease Glauco in full-season roles. That put the company under severe pressure, considering that Kudachuk had told the arbitrator that "I'd rather tell myself" than do so. Artistic temperament, his artistic talent, doesn't come cheap.



Celebrates at Toronto's Gay Pride parade, condom use is slipping

have nearly tripled since 1997, after several years of decline. Another San Francisco study by a group called STOP AIDS reported that the proportion of men who said they "always" use a condom fell to 60.8 per cent in 1997 from 68.5 per cent in 1994. Ninety-eight per cent of those who engaged in unprotected sex with a range of partners said they did not know the HIV status of all their partners.

The reasons for the increases are complex. They range from the misconception among young gay men that AIDS is an old person's disease to the impact of the so-called drug cocktails built around protease inhibitors. AIDS deaths in Canada fell by 32 per cent in 1996, the year the drugs were introduced, and by 70 per cent in 1997. There is also a sense of fatigue towards safer sex practices among older men.

"It's really difficult for anybody to maintain perfect behaviour: 100 per cent of the time," says Richard.

University of Toronto sociologist Don Behrens has seen evidence of an increase in "barbacking"—anal sex without a condom—over the past year or two. "It's everywhere," he says, citing Internet chat rooms and "caveat" in the gay media that almost normalizes the behaviour. Behrens, who teaches courses on the sociology of AIDS, says regular HIV testing can work against safe sex, reinforcing risky behaviour. "You take some risks, you get tested and you're negative," he says. "So the next time you take more risks. It gives people a false sense of security."

David Johnson, associate executive director of the Gay Men's Health Clinic in New York City, says community workers there are also seeing infection rates rising. "A certain complacency about the epidemic has set in," says Johnson, who is 52 and HIV-positive. Last year, his agency surveyed some 5,000 gay men about their safe-sex practices. "We found higher rates of condoms use than we were expecting. But we also saw more questions around



high-risk behaviour, more decisions made based on someone's status. It used to be that you assumed the other person was positive and practiced safe sex. Now you assume the person is negative. We used to find our way this way."

Drug cocktails may have given unsatisfied gay men a sense of false optimism. Despite intensive efforts, re-

Aids in gay magazines: putting the best face on anti-viral treatments

drugs do not work for 30 per cent of HIV-positive people, he notes. "Of the men, half will become resistant within three years. There is also an increase in infections with drug-resistant strains of HIV."

Charles Ray, executive director of the AIDS Committee of Toronto, notes that anti-viral therapy for many can be a grueling experience. In the past year, he says, one friend suffered a massive stroke and another had triple-bypass surgery due to the strain of the drugs.

Dubious cures are soaring among HIV-positive people, he says, and chronic diarrhea and rashes are common. There are also the side effects of lipodystrophy—a redistribution of fat in the body. "It's so ironic. Yet what gets contaminated is the average Joe in the street who is down into the drugs keep you alive."

For Ray, the recent rise in HIV infection rates stems from deeper psychological issues. Older gay men, he says, "have experienced so much loss in life. It's like I just want to be done so someone, so love someone and be loved back. There are powerful feelings that can overwhelm and lead to irrational behaviour." Prevention messages, says Ray, need to be "more hard-hitting, more intense" and convey to HIV-negative men what it's really like to live with the virus.

Meanwhile, Richard plans to prescribe safe sex in the future, but not so safe as to inform every partner that he's HIV-positive. "Anyone in the year 2000 who is basing their behaviour on the assumption that the other person has the responsibility," he says, "is engaging in just as much risk as I did." ■



Behrens, signs of an increasing increase in the risky practice of 'barbacking'

searchers still have not developed a vaccine for AIDS, and there is still no cure for the disease. Behrens points to pharmaceutical ads in U.S. magazines aimed at the gay and HIV-positive communities—magazines like *The Advocate* and *PO2*—that put the best face on anti-viral drugs. "It's anti-viral

Health The Cost of Complacency

After a steady decline, HIV infection rates among gay men are once again on the rise

By Cheryl Hawkes

A member of the so-called safe-sex generation, Richard is a gay man in his 30s who became sexually active during the early part of the AIDS epidemic. From the start, he says, he always insured on condoms, always approached sex "with love and a level of caution that seemed ill-reached with the excitement of the event." But occasionally Richard (not his real name) took a chance and had unprotected sex. And with every blood test that came back HIV-negative, he felt bolder. "Every year, the number of episodes would be more than the year before," he admits.

"I guess I was rolling the dice." Three months ago, Richard's luck ran out: his blood tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

He's not alone. Researchers across North America report that after years of declines, infection rates of HIV among gay men once again are climbing. What's more, the bulk of the new infections are among gay men 35 to 45 years old, men who have seen the worst of the AIDS epidemic and who should know how to avoid infection. "Clearly, I've lost a lot of friends over the past 15 to 20 years," says Richard. "I have a lot of friends who are HIV-positive. It's weird as if I was immune by any stretch."

A study released earlier this month by University of Toronto researchers reported HIV infection rates among gay and bisexual men in Ontario have increased nearly 2½ times since 1996, largely among men living in Toronto and Ottawa. The study looked at a provincial database of about 270,000 people of both sexes who had reported HIV blood tests between 1992 and 1999. It then examined changes in results for each risk group. Among gay and bisexual men, the infection rate went from less than one per cent of those tested (847 men per 100 tested) to 2.07 per cent by the end of 1999.

The U of T findings mirror similar reports from researchers in San Francisco, generally considered ground zero for trends in the AIDS epidemic. There, HIV infection rates among gay and bisexual men seeking anonymous testing



The five best beach books

And now, the crucial business of summer reading. There's a good saying, Wilson Churchill noted, that "when a new book appears, you should read an old one." Of course, he added, "as an author I would not recommend too strict an adherence to this saying." That caveat aside, Churchill had a point: there are times—such as idling by the ocean or at the cottage—when an old book is preferable to a new one. Surpassing itself a virtue on vacation, and reviews of new books don't always stand up, reviewers, as it is the case in other areas of journalism, tend to listen too much to each other, and make their judgments in packs.

Summer at the cottage isn't the time to learn *The Iliad* in the original Greek, or how to split the atom, or begin studies of 19th-century literature. On the other hand, don't turn your brain off completely, choosing only books that feature bikini, bacchanal, swankies or all three. A good rule if you're going away is to find books art in your destination, or places where they've been, so you can judge their authenticity, and perhaps write yourself mentally into the plot. It's nice if a book educates you, but more important on vacation is that it entertains. All of the following suggestions meet both criteria. Some are hard to find, but all are well worth the effort.

• The countryside of Haiti is beautiful but unforgiving, the people are gentle but occasionally contain men of remarkable cruelty, the poverty is appalling, and over the years, Haitians have been governed by some of the worst despots in the Western world. Graham Greene learned those qualities perfectly in his 1956 novel, *The Comrades*. His book was set during the regime of François "Papa Doc" Duvalier two decades later, little had changed under his son "Baby Doc." He was overthrown in 1986, but many of the same problems linger. The Grand Hôtel Oloffson, where Greene wrote the book and visiting journalists hang out, is unchanged. So is the gossip, white-suited Ep. Aschelin Jolicoeur, who appeared in the book as "Père-Père." Greene could scarce believe what he was writing, "Poor Haiti: itself and the character of Doctor Duvalier's rule are not inverted, the latter not even hidden for dramatic effect." Haiti in Greene's understated tone is quietly horrifying—but hypereccentrically fascinating.

• It's not to think there may be people whose sole exposure to Nordica Richter's writing is the clip 'n' paste columns he wrote off in about three minutes for the *Norwalk Post*. Skip those, and move straight to his masterpiece, *Strangely Versed* (1997). The fictional memoir, as written by an aging, confused, occasionally well-meaning s.o.b., is alternately hilarious, heart-breaking, a great yarn, and his most ambivalent and

compassionate book. In real life, every piece written about Richter mentions his current agony. But anyone who knows him even slightly soon sees him exposed as an exceptionally devoted husband, father and grandfather. Richter's real-life mix of cynicism and sentimentality spills over into *Benny*, coarsening each other perfectly—alongside his most daring observations of life as a *Norwalk Eagle*.

• Before Mel Gibson resorted to playing cartoon-character vigilantes in *Jurassic* those 'em-ups, he made some good movies. *The Rise of Living Dangerously* (1982) was one—but the 1978 book it was based on, by Australian author C. J. (Christopher) Koch—is even better. It chronicles the fall of Indonesian President Sukarno in the early 1960s, with the focus on the Western diplomats and journalists living there. The story is narrated by an unidentified Canadian journalist all hacks who ever worked abroad can readily recognize elements of themselves in Koch's depiction of expats hanging around more with one another than with locals, and reflecting more bluster than balance in their stories. The portrayal is pitch-perfect: it's also a love story with lots of action.

• If you suffered through the recent movie butcherings of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, you're likely to make a mistake and miss the terrific Patricia Highsmith books, starting with this one (1955), due to that Ripley, the most unusual anti-hero of modern times. Highsmith's writing is lean, smooth and smart, just like the title character. Whether set in the mean streets of Manhattan or the sunny open spaces of small-town Italy, the tone is claustrophobic and creepy. Ripley kills people for the same reasons he orders lunch or buys a new outfit: it suits him, and he's accompanied by much anger. What's scarier are those times when you find yourself rooting for him to get away with it.

• The most remarkable quality of Stephen Lesscodd's bear work is how well it stands up almost nine decades later. *Somebody Stole My Little Town* published in 1912, was set in the fictional town of Mariposa. (Based on real-life Orillia, Ont.), but its stereotypes of characters live on in small towns across Canada. One reason it works so well is that, behind the gently mocking tone, Lesscodd's obvious affection for everyone and everything present is evident. Consider his description of an early morning, islander: "The long call of the loon echoed. The air is cool and fresh. There is in all the new life of the land of the silent pine and the moving waters. Lake Wissinomi, in the morning sunlight. Don't take it to me of the Indian lakes, or the Tyrol or the Swiss Alps. Take them away. Move them somewhere else. I don't want them."

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